

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Spy Scare

MANY Australians at home and abroad will watch with concern the actions of their Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies in the next few weeks and, if the Fates are kind to him at the forthcoming elections, in the next few months. For after a long exile in the background of events the problem of internal Communism has stepped into the limelight again in a sensational fashion. A Russian diplomat has sought asylum in the country after giving the Government apparently copious reports on Communist espionage in Australia—a very serious revelation for apart from the existence of the British Commonwealth's long-range weapon and atomic bomb testing site at Woomera—an obvious target for Communist espionage, Australia occupies a very important position strategically in relation to South-east Asia. Mr. Menzies has known of the dangers of internal Communism for many years and only the Constitution has thwarted his more drastic methods of eradicating the country of this menace. It will be recalled that only a few years ago, Mr. Menzies introduced a bill into the House of Representatives to ban the Communist Party and to arraign Communists in court with the onus of proof of their affiliations and activities not on the Crown, but on the accused. In short, under this bill it was necessary for any person accused of Communism to prove his innocence, not the Court to prove his guilt. The many opponents of this bill—and their numbers ranged far beyond the Labour Party Opposition at the time—saw potential dangers in this measure which could give almost dictatorial powers to any Prime Minister, quite apart from the fact that it was an important and dangerous departure from the procedures of British justice.

WHILE no one can doubt the sincerity of Mr. Menzies and the Liberal-Country Party coalition in the measures they have adopted against Communism, the violent denunciations the Party used against Communist activities revealed a mild hysteria and regrettable recklessness in its thinking on this particular subject. With the Federal elections only weeks off it is only natural the Government coalition will make great play of latest reports of Communist activity during the campaign as proof that their anti-Communist actions of 1949-1951 were well-founded. But the coalition must make certain there is no repetition of the whole-sale and reckless allegations of Communist conspiracies which were offered three or four years ago as an explanation of the recurrent industrial trouble. It became the Government's explanation of virtually every trivial trade union complaint. Applying these methods there is a danger that Communism will become as big a mania in Australia as it is in some sections of American thinking. It would be as well if after the elections both parties allowed the Royal Commission set up to investigate the alleged espionage to proceed with its work and to recommend such action as is necessary, and ensured that anti-Communist feeling does not degenerate into wild accusations and cheap slander which could constitute a definite threat to democracy in that country. The offenders must be punished, security measures may have to be tightened; but it is not a question on which Labour and the coalition parties and therefore the country can be divided.

RUMANIAN COMMUNIST EXECUTED FOR TREASON

Former Minister Of Justice ONE-TIME ASSOCIATE OF LENIN

London, Apr. 18. Bucharest Radio announced tonight that Lucretiu Patrascanu, a veteran Rumanian Communist leader and former Minister of Justice, has been tried and executed for treason.

Bucharest Radio announced that Patrascanu and a number of accomplices were tried by the Supreme Military Court of Rumania on a charge of "criminal activities aimed at paralyzing the struggle of the democratic patriots against Fascism."

A second accused, whose name was given as Kofler, was also sentenced to death and executed. Bucharest Radio said. The trial took place from April 6 to 14.

Three other accused, named by Bucharest Radio as Silber Stefanescu and Kalmanovic, were sentenced to life imprisonment.

In all 11 people were tried by the Supreme Military Court.

Two other accused, Baron Moksony Starcea and Torosian, were given 15 years' imprisonment each. Three accused received 10 years and one eight years' imprisonment.

S. Korea To Be At Geneva Conference

Seoul, Apr. 19. Announcing today that South Korea would attend the Geneva conference, President Syngman Rhee said the conference "must represent the final time-consuming attempt for Korea to attain unification by peaceful means."

Dr. Rhee told a press conference that South Korea had declined accepting the United States invitation to attend the Geneva conference because South Korea had been "highly dubious" that the conference would achieve any result; "apprehensive" that the conference would provide Communists still more time to prepare for war; and afraid that the conference "will be made known all over the world as a great success."

South Korea's situation infinitely more difficult of solution."

Dr. Rhee said during the last several weeks South Korea made every effort to obtain "definite and positive assurances" from the United States.

"We are happy to say that assurances received now are very clear and encouraging and that they will enable us to go to Geneva with confidence and considerable hope."

Tries To Kill Wife A Second Time
Castell Mare di Stabia, Apr. 18.

A 29-year-old Italian, M. Catello, walked out of prison after serving a term for trying to kill his wife and, with a dagger in his hand, tried to do it again.

Like the first time, he failed. The wife was only slightly injured.

Catello is back in gaol today.

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Lucretiu Patrascanu, who was 53, was one of the founders of the Communist regime in Rumania.

As a lawyer by profession, he came of a family of distinguished Moldavian intellectuals, and his father was a noted historian.

A Socialist before 1914, Patrascanu was the only Rumanian Communist who knew Lenin personally and had dealings with him in the early twenties.

He became leader of the Rumanian Workers' Party (as the Communist Party was known before it was banned by the Rumanian Prime Minister, Marshal Averescu) after its founder, M. Christian Georgevitch Bukovsky, went to Russia to play an important part in the Soviet politics.

Patrascanu led the Party underground until he was able to come into the open in 1944 to become Minister of Justice in the first Rumanian Coalition Cabinet after the country broke with the axis powers. He headed the Rumanian peace delegation to Moscow in September 1944.

He was reported to have been purged and arrested in May 1948 and was at the same time expelled from the Central Committee of the Rumanian Communist Party, since then he has been in prison.—Reuter.

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Britain's Fine Weather Easter

London, Apr. 18. Easter sunshine drew Londoners out of the capital towards the coast today in their thousands.

Road traffic doubled compared with yesterday on the main roads to the coast, and 25,000 cars an hour were running nose to tail towards the country and seaside on 20 main roads out of the capital.

Traffic was also heavy in the North of England, with more than 1,000 vehicles an hour heading out of Manchester for the North Wales coast and even more making for Blackpool.

Thousands of people crowded the main line stations for day train trips to the coast, although tomorrow (Monday) will be the railway's big day for excursions.

Dry, sunny weather is promised for tomorrow (Monday).—China Mail Special.

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Russia's Military Strength

LATEST NATO ESTIMATES

Paris, Apr. 18. A new NATO estimate of Communist military power indicates that Russia can field 300 divisions within 30 days' notice, but the "impressive and steady" Red build-up is not "alarming", it was learned today.

The NATO report, awaiting approval by the 14 governments belonging to the organisation, said the Kremlin had the same standing army of 175 divisions as two years ago, but the strength of her European satellites had jumped from 60 to 80 divisions.

This is NATO's first estimate of Soviet military might compiled for release to the public since 1952. Authoritative informants said it showed the "impressive and steady" growth of the Communist forces, while underlining the build-up, was "not sudden or alarming."

The most spectacular evidence, the sources said, was in jet power. Russia now has 10,000 higher planes, of which 9,000—more than double the 1952 evaluation—are jets.

The NATO report did not offer confirmation of widely-publicised reports that the signs are speeding delivery of a new-type long-range strategic jet bomber.

CONVENTIONAL BOMBERS Of the overall total of 20,000 planes under Kremlin control, it was said, the bombers now in service are almost entirely the conventional TU-4. This is the counterpart of the American B-29.

The Kremlin has 175 divisions but within 30 days could field 300 divisions, the report said.

Against this Soviet army, the NATO goals for the end of 1954 are 40 "ready" divisions plus 60 "M plus 30 days" divisions. The NATO air target is 6,500 planes of all types in Western Europe by the end of the year, over 4,000 of which, it is hoped, will be first-class jet fighters.

On the sea, NATO experts reported Soviet expansion in Russia's vaunted submarine fleet. The Soviet Navy now has between 350 and 400 snorkel-equipped subs in action or on the way to completion, the sources said.

It was understood the NATO Command desires to make public the latest estimate to prevent any letdown in Western public opinion about rearmament. The report has been submitted to the NATO member governments for approval, informed sources said.

SATELLITE FORCES The report said the Soviet satellite forces now reported 20 divisions stronger—were approaching an effectiveness comparable to that of Russia's crack troops. Artillery and tanks of the T-34 and Josef Stalin types are being fed to the satellite armies of Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Poland and Albania.

It was understood Soviet officers hold most of the top ranks in these forces and control their training and equipment. With the exception of little Albania, the satellite forces could be quickly integrated into the Russian fighting force. Albania is isolated from the rest of the Iron Curtain nations by Yugoslavia.

Informed sources said NATO experts believed Russia may soon consider the satellite forces reliable enough to leave them alone as a buffer force in Central Europe.—United Press.

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REBELS INCREASE THE PRESSURE

Paris, Apr. 18. The official communique published by the French Ministry of the Associated States here tonight mentioned increased Vietminh pressure against the north-west sector of Dien Bien Phu, and continued harassing raids against the entire French Union defence perimeter.

The communique said that on the night of April 16-17, the Vietminh had unsuccessfully attacked positions on the eastern side of the beleaguered fortress. During April 17 French Union patrols carried out reconnaissance raids as far as the village of Ban Cony, one to two miles south of the entrenched camp without establishing contact with the Vietminh.

The French Air Force dropped large quantities of ammunition, food and material Vietminh artillery to the east and anti-aircraft guns were being pounded by French aircraft during the night of Saturday to Sunday. Clashes took place north of the airfield.

Good weather conditions enabled the French airmen to attack Vietminh communication lines and convoys chiefly on provincial road 41 north-west of Yen Chan and on provincial road 13, about 20 miles north of Van Yen.

The communique said that French Union forces had been able to free the post of Quang Phuoc Ha and supply its garrison as well as to complete a mopping-up operation in the area between Song Trai and the Red River.

Vietminh casualties in the Delta area were listed as 18 killed and 11 prisoners in Northern Laos. French Union troops were on reconnaissance patrols despite bad weather conditions in Middle Laos. The Vietminh carried out an unsuccessful attack against French Union rearguards and lost over 100 men dead or wounded.

TWO CLASHES Two clashes between Vietminh and French Union forces turned out to the advantage of the latter. The Vietminh lost 20 killed, including a section chief, and 19 prisoners.

On the central plateau, fierce hand-to-hand fighting took place on the Pleiku area on Federal Road 19 near Hang Yang. The Vietminh engaged an estimated four battalions in the battle and was able to set fire to several French trucks. However, the Vietminh was forced to withdraw, after intervention by French Union bombers.

They were said to have an estimated three companies while the French Union casualties were described as heavy.

French aircraft also blasted the Chien Hoa area. Successful mopping-up operations were carried out in the area north of Qui Nhon, enabling the French to seize granaries, mines and documents.

Further south, in the Song Tay delta, and Tuy Hoa area on the coast, Vietminh regional elements lost 15 killed in clashes with Vietnamese units. In the Phanlet area, the Vietminh sustained 11 casualties (nine killed and two wounded) during ambushes with French Union forces.

In other sectors of that area, all quiet was reported. "Made" said and sabotage actions were reported in Southern Laos. The Vietminh carried out a mopping-up operation in the area of Ban Cony, one to two miles south of the entrenched camp without establishing contact with the Vietminh.

14 Babies Saved From Death Reading, Berks, Apr. 18. Two daring nurses saved all but one of 15 newborn babies today when fire swept maternity ward at a clinic here.

Elster S. Holland discovered the fire shortly before dawn. She gave the alarm and with another nurse shuttled in and out of the burning ward carrying the infants.

The two nurses carried all the babies out before the fire brigade arrived. However, one six-hour-old infant died of burns and shock. Three others were sent to hospital but will live.—United Press.

Grenades Outrage Marrakech, French Morocco, Apr. 18. Two grenades were thrown, four minutes apart, at two separate cafes in the centre of the town today, injuring three young European men, one of them seriously.

The second grenade caused a slight shock to one of the waiters but failed to explode.—France-Press.

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Here is newly-promoted Brigadier de Castries, Commander of the French garrison at beleaguered Dien Bien Phu in Indo-China, who has declared that the fortress can hold out against the Vietminh and that the French Union forces "can win the battle of Dien Bien Phu."—London Express.

Mrs Petrov Leaving

Melbourne, Apr. 18. Mrs Evdikiya Petrov, wife of the Russian Secret Service Chief in Australia, Vladimir Petrov, who renounced his country last week and was granted asylum, will leave Sydney tomorrow night by air on her way home to Moscow.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, said tonight he had no reason to believe the Soviet Ambassador to Australia, Mr. Nikolai Generalov, would leave Melbourne, as had been reported.

Rumour had been recalled to Moscow to explain Petrov's defection circulated after the Russian booked four seats on a British Overseas Airways Corporation Constellation leaving Sydney tomorrow for Rome.—Reuter.

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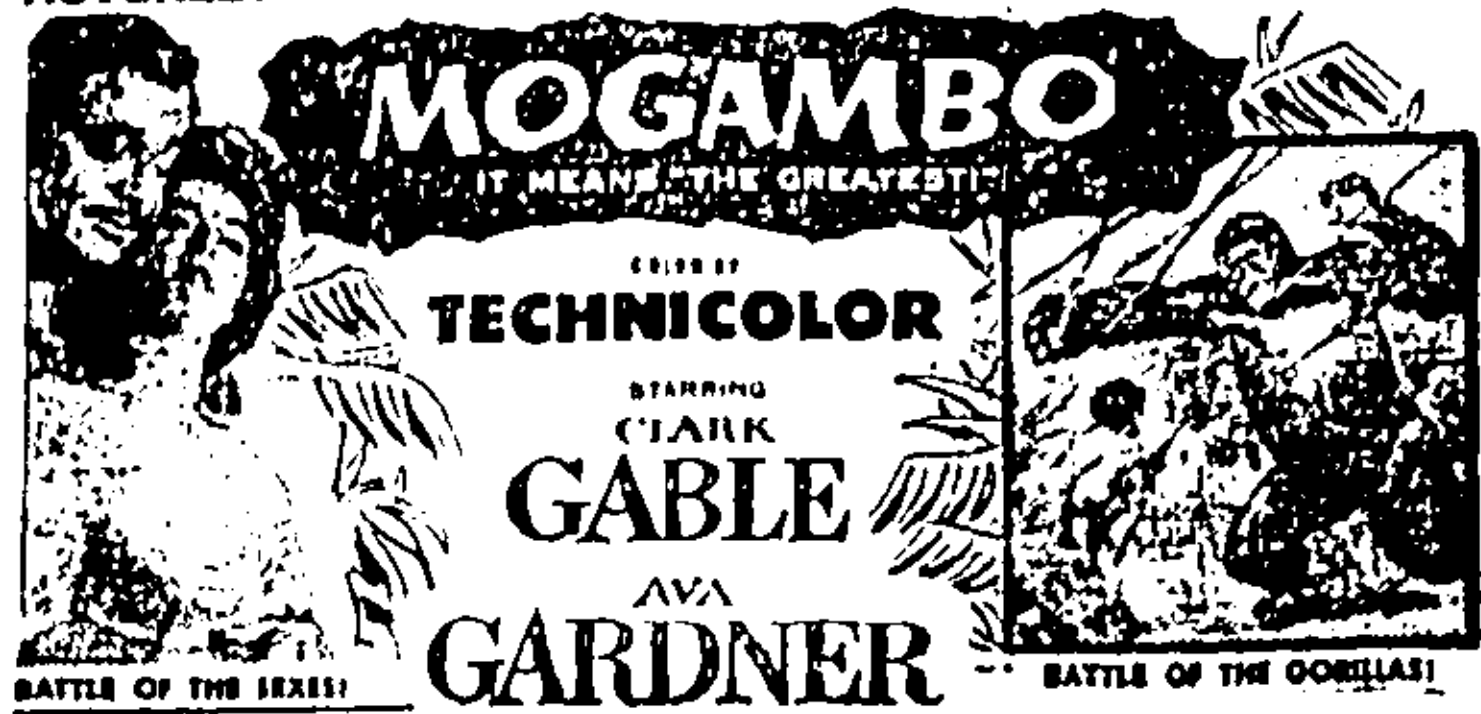
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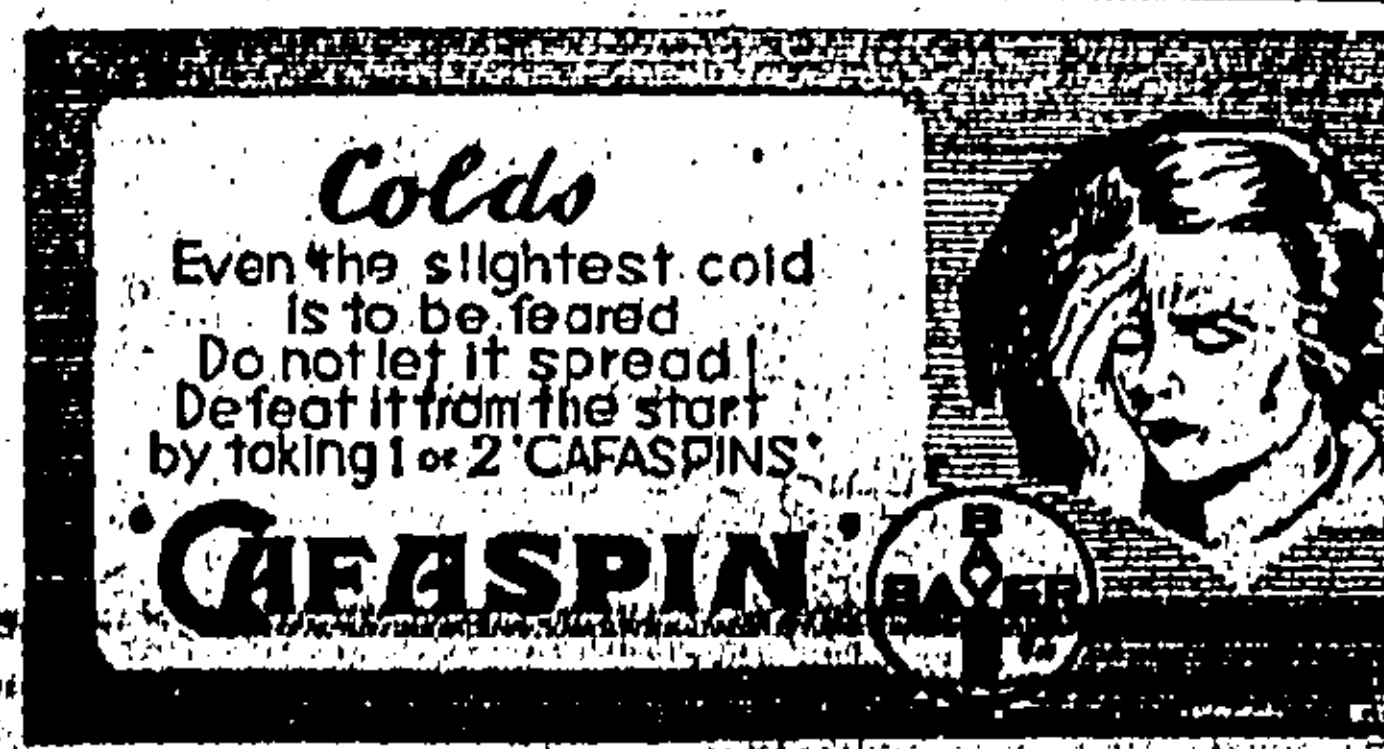
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VIETNAM INDEPENDENCE EXPECTED Agreement Likely In Paris Later This Week

Paris, Apr. 18. Vietnamese Government circles were optimistic today that treaties providing for Vietnam's total independence and her future association with the French Union would be signed this week in Paris, the French news agency reported from Saigon.

A Vietnamese delegation has been in Paris for some weeks negotiating with the French Government the terms by which France will grant the Indo-Chinese state her promised independence.

The Saigon report said, Vietnam expected the negotiation to be completed successfully within the next few days.

Non-Violence Can Help The World

Nehru's Message To Indians

Gaya, Bihar State, Apr. 18. The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, said today only non-violence could solve the problems facing the world today.

In a world which was passing through a very critical phase, the great powers were posed against one another armed with the most destructive weapons of all ages. One wrong step here or there might be terrible, he said.

Mr. Nehru asked what should India do in the present situation. To increase her arms and to make herself strong was out of the question.

Mahatma Gandhi had taught his people that strength lay in the practice of Ahimsa (non-violence). There was no doubt the vast majority of the Indian people had faith in the cult of non-violence.

Whatever the world situation, India and her people must remain cool and united, he added.

Mr. Nehru was addressing the all-India Sarvodaya Sammelan (Conference for the Social and Economic Regeneration of the country) at Sarvodayapuri, near Gaya.

He told a meeting attended by 300,000 people later the danger of atom and hydrogen bombs could be met only by arousing the moral conscience of people and by integration of hearts.

"India neither possesses the atom nor the hydrogen bomb, nor do we intend to possess it," he said.

Referring to the Geneva conference, Mr. Nehru regretted that not only divergent views had been expressed but "threats of war" had been made. This was a strange way of solving problems facing the world, he said.—Reuter.

This would allow France to appear at the Geneva Asian conference in a strong position to refuse possible Communist charges that she is conducting a colonial war in Indo-China.

Saigon Government circles said the Vietnamese delegation had secured the promise of total independence right at the outset of the negotiations. Since then, discussions had been centred on future Franco-Vietnam association.

The association, which has now been decided on, has the character of the bilateral agreement which will allow the two countries to assure harmonious relations within the French Union on a completely equal basis.

The circles said Vietnam had always wanted two treaties with France—one guaranteeing independence and the other laying down the conditions of association.

French opinion, they added, had reacted favourably to this request.

Political observers in Paris said the visit of the United States Secretary of State Mr. John Foster Dulles to Paris last week played a big part in speeding up the negotiations.

Mr. Dulles did not meet Emperor Bao Dai, head of the Vietnamese State now in France, but the observers noted that the communiqué issued after the Secretary of State's talks with French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault contained the phrase: "It is the independence of the three Associated States within the French Union, independence which new agreements will consecrate, which is the real issue of the war."

Premier Joseph Laniel himself issued a communiqué shortly after meeting Mr. Dulles, in which he announced that the negotiations were on the point of ending on a basis of Vietnam's "total independence, her entire sovereignty within the French Union."—Reuter.

West German Sovereignty Expected Soon

New York, Apr. 18. The United States High Commissioner for Germany, Dr. James Conant, said today he expected Western Germany to achieve "essential sovereignty" within the next year.

Dr. Conant arrived in New York from London by air accompanied by his wife. He said he would report to the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, and would probably also see President Eisenhower and would appear before the Senate Appropriations Committee.

He told reporters that termination of West Germany's "occupational status" depended upon final ratification of the European Defence Community treaty.

He added that he felt "optimistic" and that "essential sovereignty" would be possible "within a year, or within a couple of months of that date."—Reuter.

Petrov Case May Be Election Issue

Melbourne, Apr. 18. Both the Age and the Argus newspapers said today the Petrov case was likely to be an election issue when the country chooses its new House of Representatives on May 29.

The Age said that statements on the affair of the Soviet diplomat by both the Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, and the Federal Opposition leader, Dr. Herbert Evatt, made it clear that there was a half-way split in the country's opinion on the case. "Unless the temptation to verbal duelling is resisted and the affair is taken out of the political arena, the fear of Mr. Carthyism dominating the election are not to be brushed aside," the newspaper said.—China Mail Special.

"The Yard" Has 1 1/4m. Fingerprints

Scotland Yard's methods of classifying fingerprints and palm prints are detailed for the first time in a new book published in London last week.

It is written by former Chief Supt. Frederick Cherrill, who was in charge of the Yard's fingerprint bureau until his recent retirement.

The book, called "The Fingerprint System at Scotland Yard," is a text book based on Mr. Cherrill's 33 years' experience of dactyloscopy, or "fms" as fingerprints are known to police and criminals. While essentially a manual for police officers, it has fascinating reading for the layman.

There are now 1 1/4 million fingerprints in the Yard's collection. The system of classification is such that within a few minutes of being given a copy of the fingerprint the bureau can say whether or not it is in its files.

The classification breaks down into three parts, main, single and scenes of crime. The whole collection is further split up with the use of symbols, letters and figures into 3,497 sections.

Since the system was invented in 1900 by Mr. (later Sir) Edward Henry, one time Metropolitan police commissioner, nearly one million identifications have been made by the Yard. The growth of the system of identifying prints at scenes of crime is shown by the comparison of five such identifications in 1921 with 770 in 1951.

UNIDENTIFIED PRINTS. The scenes of crime sub-collection consists of only unidentified prints. These are available for comparison with prints found at other crimes or for checking with persons arrested later.

Among warnings in the book to investigators are these: "Don't wear gloves when searching for prints. Not only are you likely to smudge and drop articles, but there is more chance of obliterating prints."

Avoid using a handkerchief or cloth when picking up articles as this may also damage prints.

Don't ignore a set of blurred prints because they may indicate which hand was used. No type of surface, finger or palm print has escaped the attention of Mr. Cherrill during his life's work. There is little doubt that his book will become the standard reference for "fms."

BEA Viscounts' 1st Birthday

London, Apr. 18. British European Airways' Vickers Viscounts, the world's first turbo-prop airliners, today celebrated their first anniversary of passenger service. During the year they have flown 100,000,000 passenger miles and carried 100,000 passengers.—China Mail Special.

Indonesia "Not Under Red Thumb"

Djakarta, Apr. 18. The Indonesian Government is not "under the Communist thumb" nor does Indonesia's foreign policy favour the Soviet bloc, a high Indonesian Government spokesman said today.

Answering recent charges in the world press that Communism threatens Indonesia's internal stability, the Indonesian Minister of Information, Dr. Ferdinand L. Tobing, said Indonesia's Communist Party was not a major force in the country's politics.

"The Communist Party is still handicapped by the dis-favour it won by its abortive attempt to overthrow the Government of the Republic in September, 1948," Dr. Tobing said.

He denied Indonesia's policy of non-alignment in the "cold war" was in effect neutrality slightly shaded to favour the Soviet side. If anything, said Dr. Tobing, Indonesia in the past might be accused of "leaning over to the side of the American bloc."

Until the autumn of 1953 Indonesia did not have a diplomatic representative in any country of the Soviet bloc. Additionally Indonesia's voting record in the United Nations weighed substantially on the side of the Allies, the Minister said.

He pointed out that Foreign aid to Indonesia had come exclusively from the Western or Arab-Asian countries. "We have neither sent nor received other material aid, advisers, students or technicians to or from the Soviet bloc countries."

Dr. Tobing admitted the Communist Party's 17 members were giving Parliamentary supervision to the present administration. But this, he argued, did not mean that Governmental and Communist policies agreed.

He mentioned one major point of difference as an example. The Indonesian Government was currently attempting to encourage foreign investment despite bitter opposition from the Communists.

"When the Communist Party voiced sharp criticism of Vice President Nixon just before his visit to this country the Government sharply called for an end to such comment and had its way." Asked the Minister: "Are these the actions of a government under Communist thumb?"—United Press.

Czechs Want Armed Strength Maintained

Vienna, Apr. 18. The Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party said in a broadcast monitored in Vienna tonight that the Czechoslovak army and police should be constantly reinforced to prevent "reactionary intrigues" from engineering the return of a capitalist regime in Czechoslovakia with the help of the European Defence Community.

The committee made this point in an appeal to voters in the coming May 18 elections for the "People's Committees," which are designed to increase the people's participation in state affairs.

The appeal also asked voters to bear in mind that first, no parcel of land should remain uncultivated in order to raise the standard of living, and second, that the elections of the "People's Committees" were aimed at extending the people's rights and responsibilities in the leadership of the state.

The appeal consequently urged all voters to cast their ballot in favour of the National Front candidates which comprise the Communist Party, the trade unions, the Youth Organisation and the four existing bourgeois parties.—Czechoslovakia—France-Press.

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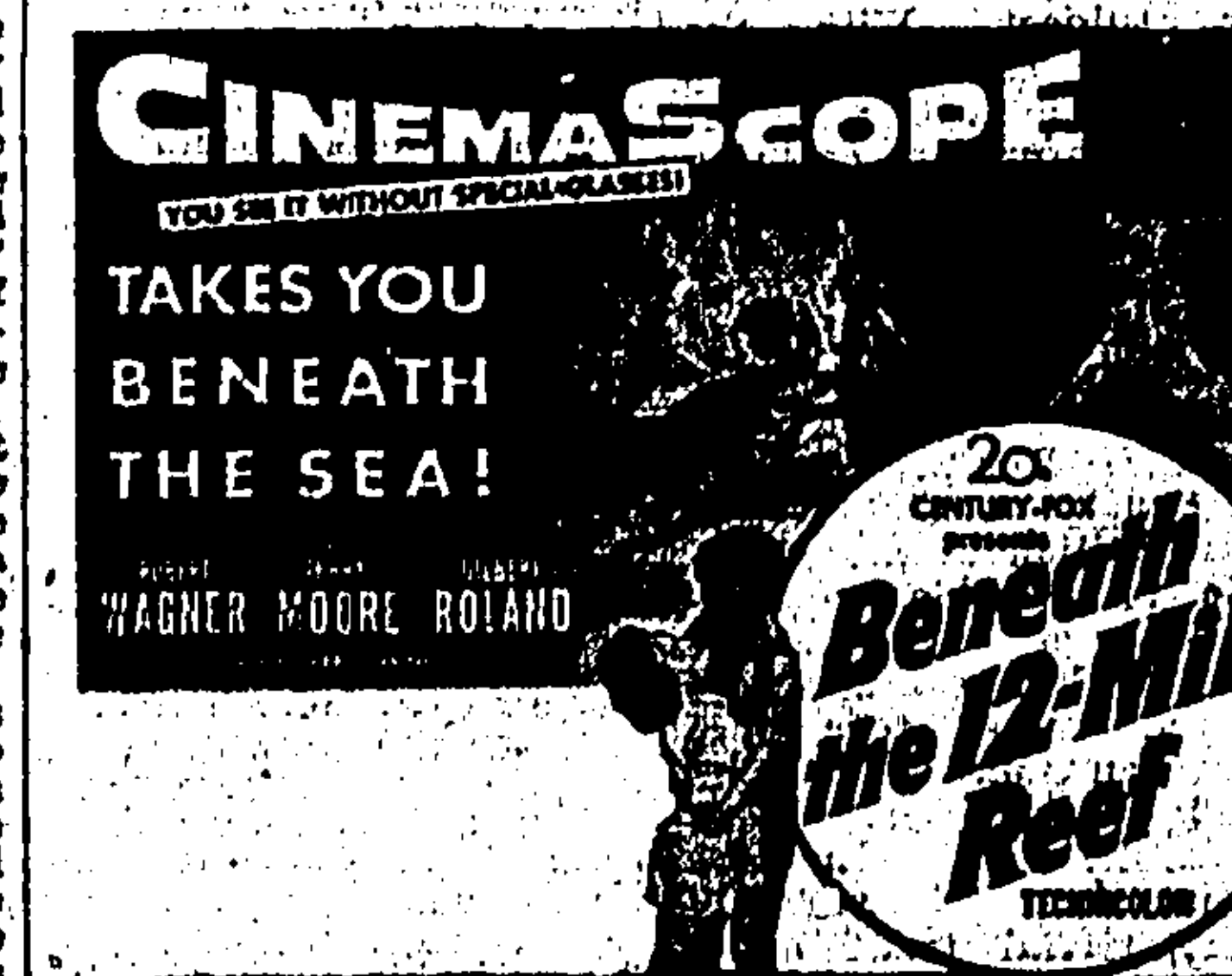
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MORE TALK OF INTERVENTION IN INDO-CHINA

Weekend Statements By US Congressmen

DULLES TO BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR GENEVA CONFERENCE

Washington, Apr. 18.

The Secretary of State Mr John Foster Dulles returned today from a brief vacation to press his case for "united action" on Indo-China and draft final strategy for the Big Four Geneva conference.

Mr Dulles, returning from his Duck Island retreat in Canada after a rigorous trip to London and Paris, takes off again tomorrow for Augusta, Georgia, to report to President Eisenhower on the critical problems facing the United States.

The next day he is expected to confer with representatives of nine other nations on plans for a Southeast Asia defence pact to keep that vital area from falling to the Communists.

The acting Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Representative John M. Vorys, said Mr Dulles' "united action" policy will not lead to an all-out war in Indo-China. However, he added that the United States should consider sending Naval and air forces to help the beleaguered French if peace negotiations fail.

Representative Melvin Price, Democrat, Illinois, who appeared with Mr Vorys on the NBC television programme "American Forum of the Air," said the United States may be faced with intervening in Indo-China "a little more than we are presently intervening."

"If you start with supplies and planes, there isn't anyone who can foretell what may come next," Mr Price said. "Who would say we wouldn't see land forces if they were needed for victory," he asked.

There were some bright spots, however, as Mr Dulles worked on preparations for the vitally important Geneva conference later this month.

Reports from Seoul said South Korea has decided to attend the conference, which will deal with Korea as well as other trouble points in Asia.

SOUTH KOREA GOING

Sources close to South Korean President Syngman Rhee indicated that his decision was prompted partly by a letter from President Eisenhower urging him to participate.

The Administration was keeping a sharp eye on public reaction to Vice-President Richard Nixon's recent statement on Indo-China, which was regarded in some quarters as a trial balloon.

Mr Nixon suggested in a speech on Friday to the American Society of Newspaper Editors that American troops might be used in Indo-China if the French gave up the eight-

year-old struggle against the Communists.

Although Congressional reaction was mixed, it was characterised by growing demands that the Administration declare itself in favour of communism.

Moscow Says: "It's Up To France"

London, Apr. 18.

An expression of goodwill by France would produce a real possibility for the restoration of peace in Indo-China, according to a statement broadcast over Moscow Radio today.

The commentator, said the Vietnamese Government was prepared to begin negotiating on a ceasefire. But he complained that on the eve of the Geneva conference to consider Indo-China and Korea questions, the United States and other Western countries were "feverishly preparing to complicate the situation in Asia."

He said increased supplies of American armaments were being sent to Indo-China, large units of the American Air Force were being hurriedly transferred from North Africa and two American aircraft carriers had arrived in the Bay of Tonkin, adjoining the area of hostilities. —Reuter.

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Mr Dulles will report to the President in Augusta on his recent talks with the British and French about presenting a solid front in the Geneva negotiations with Russia and

Red China on Indo-China and Korea.

Then he will begin talks on Tuesday with representatives of Britain, France, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines and the three Associated States of Indo-China.

FRANCE MORE WILLING

The United States is not thinking in terms of a formal Southeast Asian alliance, in treaty form, before the Geneva conference. This step might be taken, however, once the Allies develop a joint determination to protect the area.

France is far more willing than the United States to negotiate a truce in Indo-China and Britain is reported to be warm to the idea.

But Mr Dulles is not convinced that a ceasefire can be arranged that would protect the free world's interests.

Indo-China now appears in official eyes in Washington to be another Greece or Korea where international action of some sort is deemed necessary to throw back a Communist attack on a vital part of the free world.

Mr Eisenhower has said that if Red aggression is not stopped there it will have chain reaction in many countries of Southeast Asia, resulting in millions and millions more people falling captive behind the Iron Curtain.

The next United States moves appear to be:

1. To act immediately this week to hasten the formation of a 10-nation defence alliance in the South-Eastern Pacific;
2. To stiffen the free world nations at the Geneva conference beginning next week against yielding to Communist demands for a division of territory in Indo-China, a coalition Government there or a ceasefire that would undermine the defences.

SOUND THE ALARM

Mr Dulles' activities and the comments of Mr Eisenhower and Mr Nixon are believed aimed, among other things, to sound the alarm through the free world and wake up the public in America to the dangers involved. Simultaneously this will help encourage (a) a firm stand at Geneva, (b) a better atmosphere for the formation of the South Pacific alliance and (c) prepare the citizens of the United States for possible future action, according to a diplomatic interpretation of recent events.

The right atmosphere at the Geneva conference is considered very important by Washington officials. Some of them are worried lest the French be lulled into accepting Communist blandishments about a ceasefire or a negotiated settlement. Informants say that the United States at Geneva will oppose any move to reach decisions by a majority vote, to give Red China a turn at chairmanship of the meeting, or to consider the meeting as a roundtable conference with Red China, as one of the Big Five powers.

Informants say the United States view is that the only safe solution will be a complete withdrawal of Chinese Communist forces from the war, in which they are providing material and manpower. Washington officials are convinced that any negotiated agreement on Indo-China would only be a trap for the free world.

They see the Communist Chinese moving down from Korea large numbers of anti-aircraft gunners, signal corpsmen, military advisers, engineers, big supplies of artillery, tanks, trucks and various weapons. Thus, in effect, continuing to the south the aggression they launched in the north.

But the results of the South could be even more serious if they were to win a victory in the north. This would mean the complete domination of the entire Chinese continent by the Communists.

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— But Not Necessarily In Quality

New York, Apr. 18.

The Chairman of the Senate-House of Representatives Atomic Energy Committee, Mr Sterling Cole, said the United States had a lead in quantity but not necessarily quality over the Russians in the atomic energy race.

In a talk recorded for broadcast on Monday morning and released tonight, Mr Cole said: "We have a substantial lead over the Russians from the standpoint of quantity in the field of atomic energy, but I am not sure we have the lead from the standpoint of quality."

"We should not underestimate the Russian scientists."

Discussing the security check of Dr J. Robert Oppenheimer, who played a leading role in the development of atomic bombs, Mr Cole said: "The Joint Committee was fully informed on the Oppenheimer case and was aware of it. The Committee has shown no dissatisfaction in the handling of the case."

Mr Cole did not elaborate, but added "there was no abnormal delay in mind in the development of the hydrogen bomb."

Dr Oppenheimer's past affiliations are now under investigation.

Asked how the new and bigger hydrogen bomb affected American strategy, Mr Cole said there was no basis for a change in defensive strategy.

"Our present needs call for greater effort to intercept an attacking armada carrying these big bombs," he said. "The present problem is more acute and we must move rapidly." —Reuter.

Hussein's Appeal For 900,000 Homeless Arabs

Amman, Apr. 18.

King Hussein of Jordan today called on the Christian world to "redress the wrong" suffered by 900,000 Arabs who lost their homes in the Holy Lands as a result of the Israeli-Arab war.

He made the appeal in an Easter message to the people of America in which he said that the Arabs lived miserable lives in camps, caves and grottoes.

"They had lost faith in everything except God and their legitimate rights as acknowledged by the United Nations and 'human decency' for them to return to their homes and villages." —Reuter.

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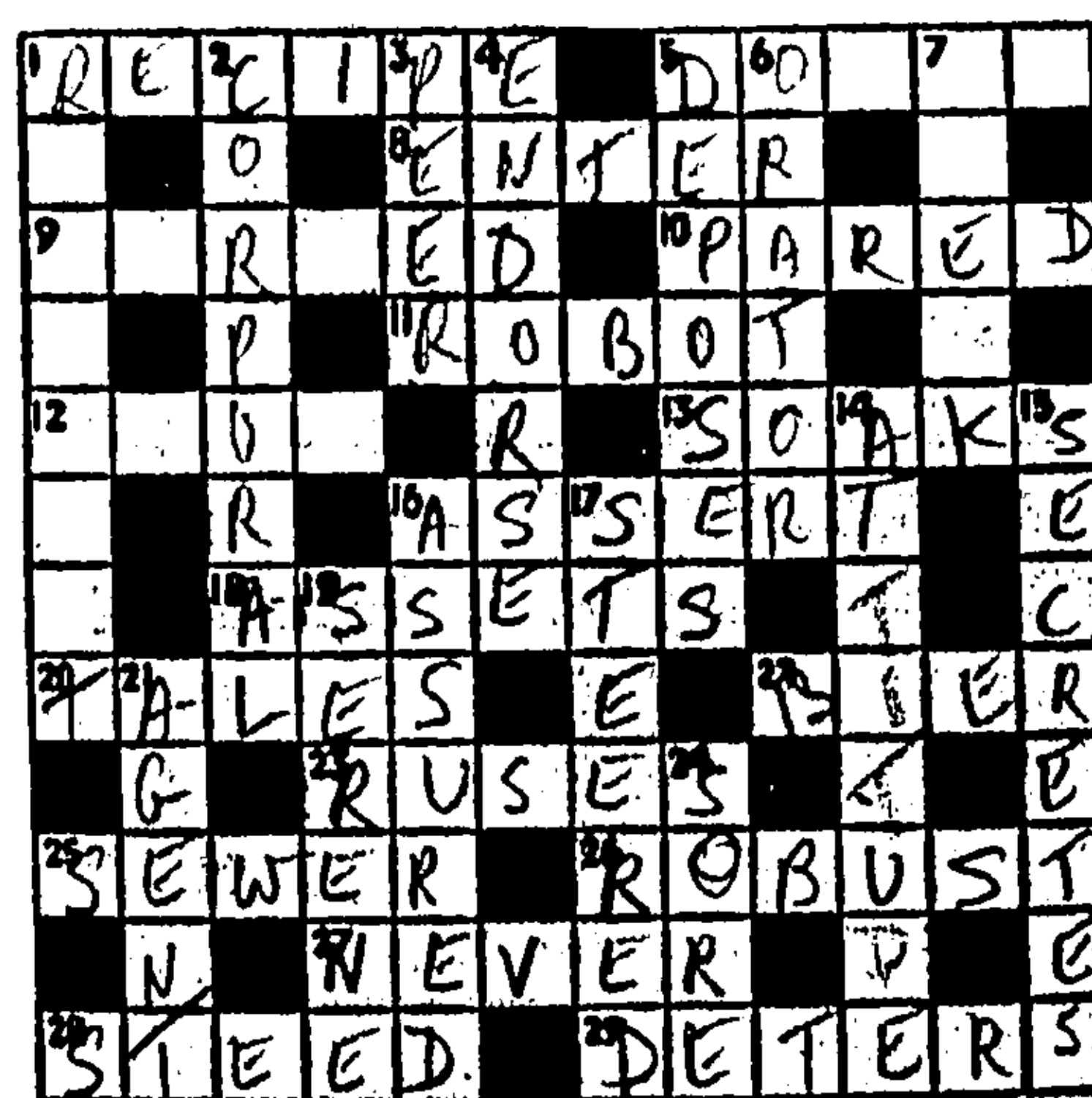
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- 1 Cooking instruction (8).
 - 5 Suspicion (5).
 - 8 Go in for (5).
 - 9 Changed direction (8).
 - 10 Peeled (8).
 - 11 Automaton (5).
 - 12 Cut (4).
 - 13 Saturates (5).
 - 14 Avar (8).
 - 15 Property (8).
 - 20 Stories (5).
 - 22 Beak (4).
 - 23 Ticks (8).
 - 25 Drain (8).
 - 26 Elum (8).
 - 27 At no time (8).
 - 28 Mount (8).
 - 29 Hinders (8).
- DOWN**
- 1 Reserved in manner (8).
 - 2 NCO (8).
 - 3 Equal (4).
 - 4 Ratify (7).
 - 6 Removes from office (7).
 - 7 Drains (8).
 - 14 Foss (8).
 - 15 Hides (8).
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 - 17 Guided (7).
 - 19 Calm (8).
 - 21 Representative (5).
 - 24 Painful (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Abet, 7 Cover, 8 Obey, 9 Hatter, 12 Sour, 16 Death, 18 Dull, 19 Empty, 21 Creep, 22 Prey, 23 Selva, 24 Mars, 25 Moustache, 30 Lash, 31 Puma, 32 Purl, 33 Mow, 34 Down, 1 Comet, 2 Headache, 4 Bount, 5 Knot, 6 Sows, 8 Felt, 11 Roops, 15 Cows, 16 Rays, 18 Haron, 17 Schism, 19 Daze, 20 Moustache, 21 Puma, 22 Ashes, 23 Rump, 24 April, 25 Sham.

Turkish Premier To Visit Yugoslavia

Belgrade, Apr. 18.

President Cedomir Bayar of Turkey and his Prime Minister Mr Adnan Menderes will visit Yugoslavia in early autumn, President Tito of Yugoslavia said today, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported.

It said President Tito announced this in Istanbul to Yugoslav journalists who covered his week-long visit to Turkey before he left by ship today on his return to Yugoslavia. President Tito also said his visit showed the two countries had reached a new stage in their relations, adding that the common front against the Communists was becoming more solid.

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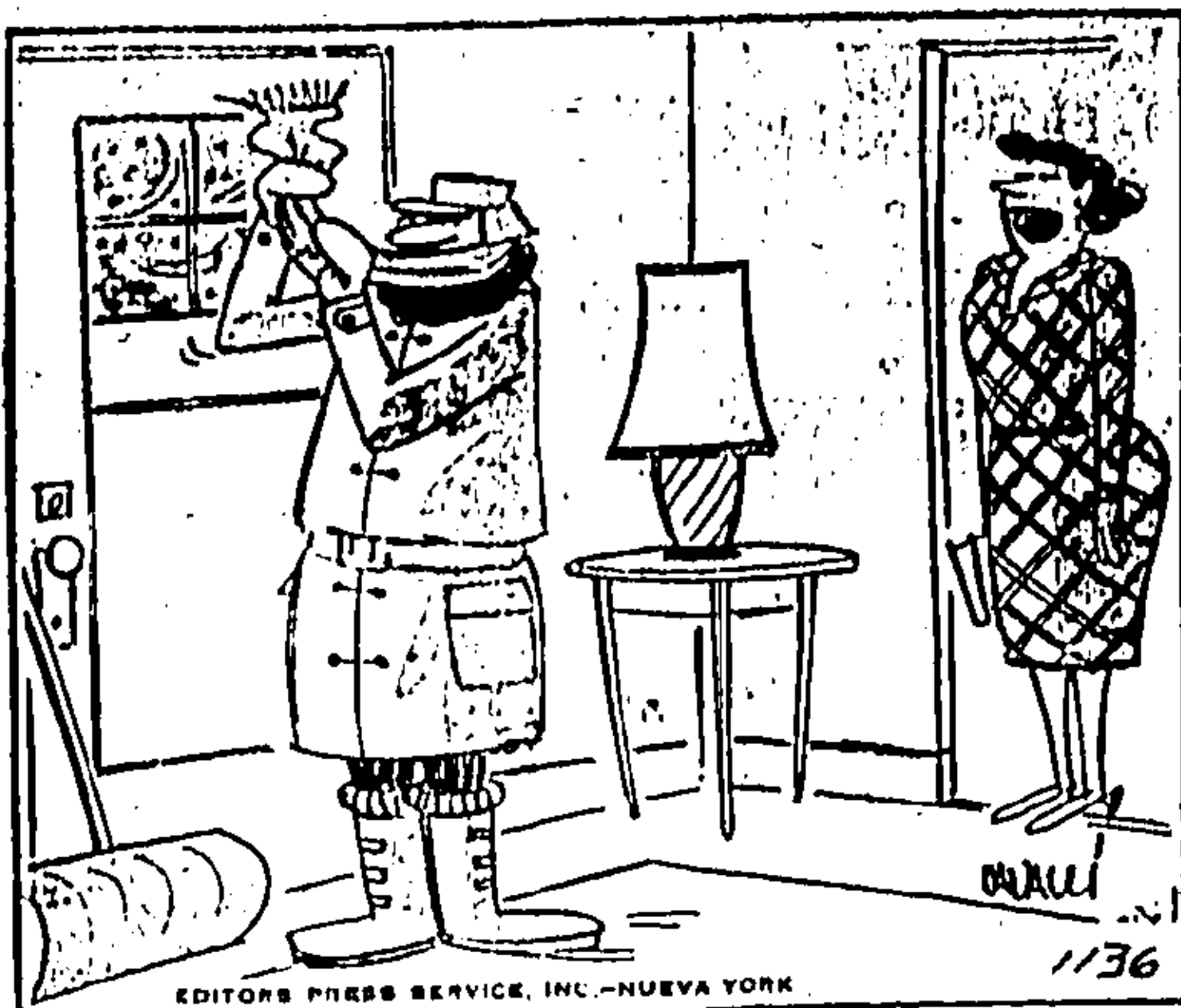
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• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

A JUGGLER who keeps "twelve plates in the air at the same time" merely makes me shrug my shoulders.

There was a juggler at a Circus in Madrid who announced that he could keep four horses in the air at the same time. The audience waited in agonized silence. When a plane was heard passing overhead, he said, "There they are on the plane, all four of them. First stop Argentina. No wonder they all wanted their money back. Still at it."

When Mr. Roosevelt, now Sears Roebuck, took the big upper top, summer rain.

Long, Mr. Long, Mr. Long, Mr. Long. When I read like a 30-year-old parody of the Dadaists, from an anthology of modern American poetry, the use of capital letters for names is rather carefully unobtrusive. In this kind of verse a comma or semicolon in the wrong place may upset the sense of a passage.

Lit-tle Bo-Pest

"DADDY, why do our dear friends pre-ent-at-us out all night in the house?" "They are looking after our inter-ests."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, APRIL 19

BORN today, you have high ambitions and strong confidence in your ability. Although you are talented in the arts, you are practical as well, and have a lot of will power to push through a job once you have started it. You enjoy novelty and are willing to try anything. Since you are an expert at "muddling through" to eventual success, you will probably make the grade.

You are one who is born to be in the limelight and you love it! Politics, the stage, screen, radio or television—any profession or career which permits you always to be the centre of attraction suits you just fine! You are probably very attractive and know how to draw. In fact, you need to watch your

expenditures in this realm, for you are extravagant.

Extremely fond of children, you will understand them and they will trust you. You have a growing up and always suspect you would make a fine teacher. When you are old, you will want a large family of your own.

Among those who were born on this date are: Roger Sherman, statesman; May Robinson, Mary L. Boomer, and John D. Lloyd, chemist; and Wayne McVesah, statesman.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—A fine day to meet and enjoy your friends. Ask for and receive important favours, too.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Don't resent it if a new suggestion of yours is not well received. A novelty may need more time for acceptance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Make a real attempt to look on the bright side of things, even if your patience is being sorely tried.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Don't let yourself be persuaded into doing something simply because someone can talk faster than you can!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Romance, love and marriage are all under excellent aspects just now. Have a really happy day.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Practical matters of the day. Don't waste any time daydreaming.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Aspects are excellent for a number of things you have been planning to do. Get started on them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Even if spring is giving you a bad time, and you're dreaming of a vacation to come—stick to your work now!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 23)—Make use of your bright ideas and you will make strides now. Progress is definitely in your star.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Keep abreast of the times these days. Events move fast—and you should know what is happening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Your own attitude will bring you success.

DUMB BELLS

BUT THE ALIMONY YOU ASK IS EXCESSIVE. YOUR HUSBAND IS ABLE TO PAY IT! WELL, HE SHOULD. NOW THAT HE HASN'T ME TO SUPPORT



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Keep Your Game On A Serious Level

NORTH (D) 13			
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♥1064			
♦A763			
♣AK7			
WEST			
♠QJ1008			
♥None			
♦K85			
♣QJ1003			
EAST			
♠75			
♥K9876			
♦Q1092			
♣84			
SOUTH			
♠A63			
♥AQJ32			
♦74			
♣552			
North-South vul.			
North	East	South	West
1	2	3	4
1 N.T. Pass	2 N.T. Pass	3	4
3	4	5	6
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠Q			

By OSWALD JACOBY

ONE of the most interesting tournaments last year was the Winter Carnival. The entire city seemed to give itself up to merry-making, appointing a king, several beautiful queens, and many clowns to enliven the proceedings.

The official merrymaking was matched by a certain amount of light-hearted bidding and playing during the tournament. For example, West managed to find a double of four hearts when Morris Freier, of Minneapolis, reached this normal contract by logical bidding. It may have seemed like a good idea to double as part of a carnival, but it cannot be recommended as a serious bid.

West opened the queen of spades, and Freier won in dummy with the king in order to lead a trump. He finessed the queen and was a bit staggered when West discarded a club.

After brief thought, Freier ducked a diamond around to East's nine. East returned a spade, and South won with the ace.

Declarer now embarked on a campaign of making all five trumps in his own hand, to add to the five top cards in the side suits. He led a diamond to the dummy and ruffed a third round of diamonds with a low trump. He then led out dummy's two top clubs and ruffed dummy's last diamond with his own last small trump.

By this time South was down to a losing spade, a losing club and the ace-jack of trumps. East had four trumps. South could exit with either a spade or a club, and East was forced to ruff his partner's trick.

East then had to lead a trump, giving declarer another finesse, and allowing him to make his doubled contract.

When the hand had been finished, East went through the motions of looking at his partner's hand, under the table, and under each of the chairs. "What are you looking for?" West finally asked.

"I'm looking for your double," East replied, "but I don't think anybody'll ever find it."

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West 1 Heart Pass 2 Clubs Pass 2 Diamonds Pass 7

You, South, hold: Spade 2, Hearts 9-4, Diamonds 3-6-2, Clubs A-K-Q-J-8-5-2. What do you do?

A—Bid four clubs. No-trump is too risky inasmuch as North couldn't afford to bid it at his second turn. He may not have a real spade stopper. The only way to show your powerful suit and fine distribution is to make a jump bid in clubs.

TODAY'S QUESTION

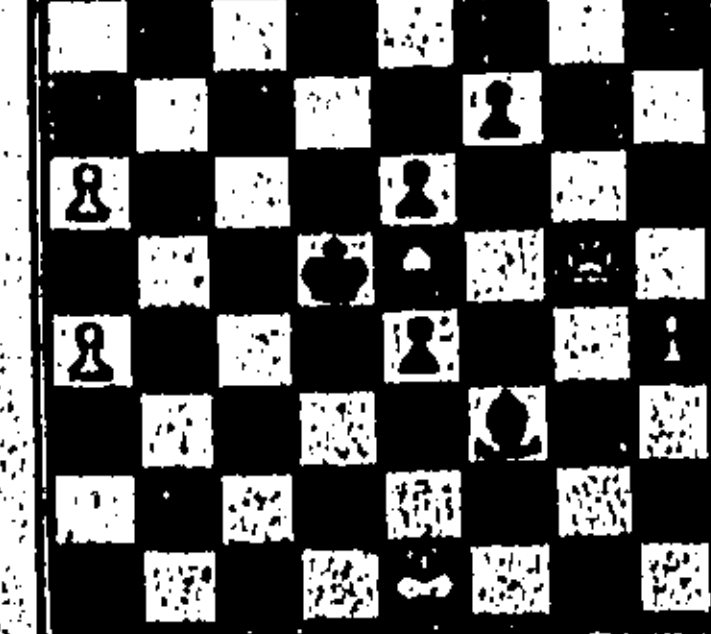
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-8-2, Hearts Q-4, Diamonds J-8-2, Clubs A-Q-8-5-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By E. HESLAND

Black, 6 pieces.



White, 6 pieces.

Write to playmate in three.

Solution to yesterday's

problem: 1. Nf3, 2. Nf3, 3. Nf3, 4. Nf3, 5. Nf3, 6. Nf3, 7. Nf3, 8. Nf3, 9. Nf3, 10. Nf3, 11. Nf3, 12. Nf3, 13. Nf3, 14. Nf3, 15. Nf3, 16. Nf3, 17. Nf3, 18. Nf3, 19. Nf3, 20. Nf3, 21. Nf3, 22. Nf3, 23. Nf3, 24. Nf3, 25. Nf3, 26. Nf3, 27. Nf3, 28. Nf3, 29. Nf3, 30. Nf3, 31. Nf3, 32. Nf3, 33. Nf3, 34. Nf3, 35. Nf3, 36. Nf3, 37. Nf3, 38. Nf3, 39. Nf3, 40. Nf3, 41. Nf3, 42. Nf3, 43. Nf3, 44. Nf3, 45. Nf3, 46. Nf3, 47. Nf3, 48. Nf3, 49. Nf3, 50. Nf3, 51. Nf3, 52. Nf3, 53. Nf3, 54. Nf3, 55. Nf3, 56. Nf3, 57. Nf3, 58. Nf3, 59. Nf3, 60. Nf3, 61. Nf3, 62. Nf3, 63. Nf3, 64. Nf3, 65. Nf3, 66. Nf3, 67. Nf3, 68. Nf3, 69. Nf3, 70. Nf3, 71. Nf3, 72. Nf3, 73. Nf3, 74. Nf3, 75. Nf3, 76. Nf3, 77. Nf3, 78. Nf3, 79. Nf3, 80. Nf3, 81. Nf3, 82. Nf3, 83. Nf3, 84. Nf3, 85. Nf3, 86. Nf3, 87. Nf3, 88. Nf3, 89. Nf3, 90. Nf3, 91. Nf3, 92. Nf3, 93. Nf3, 94. Nf3, 95. Nf3, 96. Nf3, 97. Nf3, 98. Nf3, 99. Nf3, 100. Nf3, 101. Nf3, 102. Nf3, 103. Nf3, 104. Nf3, 105. Nf3, 106. Nf3, 107. Nf3, 108. Nf3, 109. Nf3, 110. 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By "SNOOPER"

WEI THE HERO

Japanese Win Two Titles At Berlin

Berlin, Apr. 18.

NOTICE

By Order of the Stewards,
H. NISA,
Secretary

...Tammall's ruled that any
...should be left

The Singapore line-up is as follows:

Welterweight: Sgt. John Bantamweight: Austin Delford Lightweight: Dean Linder and Irwin and Hall shared

Eva Koczian and her Hungarian compatriot, dethroned World Champion Ferenc Sido, with one of the several Japanese competitors, Miss K. Watanabe, during the World Table Tennis Championships at Wembley. Central Press Photo.

St. Joseph's Pay Dearly For Turning Up With Only Ten Men

By I. M. MacTAVISH

China Mail Special.

Singapore, Apr. 19.

Slang Hock, who ran round Wells and shot past McLaren. Two minutes from the end the Sino-Malaya scored again. Osman Johan, taking a free kick quickly, passed to Ibrahim who switched the ball to Slang Hock, collected the return and sent the ball to Kok Poow, who shot across the advancing McLaren. A crowd of 6,040 paid to see the game.—Reuter.

The following are the latest Home Soccer standings:

	P	W	D	L	T	Pts
Wolverhampton	29	22	8	7	4	68
West Bromwich	29	22	8	6	4	65
Huddersfield	29	21	11	10	7	64
Sheff. Wed.	29	21	11	10	7	64
Manchester U.	29	21	12	11	7	70
Burnley	40	21	3	18	7	64
Blackpool	40	21	3	18	7	64
Chelsea	40	10	11	11	18	43
Cardiff	40	18	7	20	13	49
Charlton	40	18	8	18	7	74
Sheff. N.E.	40	18	8	18	7	74
Arsenal	40	14	12	14	7	71
Tottenham	40	10	15	15	10	63
Sheff. S.	40	10	15	15	10	63
Aston Villa	38	14	8	18	6	61
Portsmouth	40	13	10	17	7	53
Sheff. W.	40	13	10	17	7	53
Manchester C.	40	13	9	18	6	54
Sunderland	40	12	8	20	7	57
Blackburn	40	12	8	20	7	57
Millwall	40	12	10	20	6	53
Midland Town	40	12	10	20	6	53

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Year	Division III	South
North Town	42	24
Highgate	42	25
North City	41	20
Walden	41	20
Southampton	41	20
North	40	17
North	40	17
Millville	41	28
Leading	39	19
Southampton	39	19
Exeter	38	18
Torquay	37	19
North	37	19
South	43	17
Newport	43	16
North City	42	16
Swindon Town	43	19
Crown Palace	43	14
Almonds	43	18
North	43	18
Queen's Park	42	18

	Division	North	South
Port Vale	42	22	14
Barnsley	43	22	9
Gatehead	43	20	12
Sheff. Wed.	43	20	12
Bradford C.	43	20	12
Wrexham	43	21	8
Mansfield	44	19	14
Sheff. Utd.	44	19	14
Bradford	44	15	14
Southport	44	16	10
Sheff. Port	44	16	10
Sheff. Utd.	44	16	10
Rochdale	43	15	15
Barrow	44	11	17
Sheff. Utd.	44	9	18
Transoiron	47	17	4
Accrington	42	14	10
Green A.	43	12	14

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Motherwell	20	11	3	6	108	43	48
Kilmarnock	19	10	3	7	88	35	37
Stanhouston	18	14	3	7	88	41	35
Third Lanark	20	13	7	8	71	35	35
Norton	18	13	3	13	63	31	31
St. Johnstone	22	14	11	7	70	37	31
Ayr United	22	11	11	12	61	31	31
Arbroath	20	11	11	11	59	31	31
Dumfries	20	11	10	10	58	31	31
Queen's Park	21	11	10	9	55	27	27
Adrian Rogers	20	10	10	10	54	27	27
Alloa	20	10	10	10	54	27	27
Dundee U.	30	8	10	16	44	27	27
Cowdenbeath	22	8	8	16	43	27	27
Arbroath	20	8	8	16	43	27	27
Dumfries	22	6	12	20	40	20	20

—Races.

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Leaders Don't Believe In Soccer Lessons

By GEOFFREY SIMPSON

"Plotting football moves and goals with chalk and blackboard is sheer nonsense." . . . Who says so? Mr Bill Lane, manager of Brighton and Hove Albion, the Cinderella club, who suddenly have become the talk of the game.

Top of Division III, (South), Brighton, for the first time in 50 years of struggle, are reaching for Championship honours and promotion. From pinch-and-scrape, they have passed to financial security.

Inter-School Athletics

New Colony records in Boys' Senior long jump, javelin throw, high jump, 1,500 metres, and Boy Junior high jump were established when the first day of the three-day 9th Annual Inter-School Invitation Athletic Meeting, organised by the South China Athletic Association, was held at Caroline Hill yesterday.

The ceremony of ribbon cutting was performed by Mrs L. C. Lee, wife of the acting Director of Education, signifying the commencement of the competition.

Addressing the competitors and spectators, Mr L. C. Lee, President of the South China Athletic Association, said that he was gratified to see such a large number of entries taking part in the event (35 schools and 693 competitors). He thanked Mr and Mrs L. G. Morgan for their presence and the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association for having given their approval to the meeting.

THE RESULTS

Following are the results of the finals on yesterday:

Boys' Senior

High Jump—Yan Wai-hung (Heung Kung), 1.75 metres, breaking old record of 1.70 metres held by Ling Sun of Wah Yeh; Chu Ming (Heung To); George Thumb (HK Tech).
Long Jump—Chu Ming (Heung To), 8.17 metres, breaking old record of 8.15 metres held by Chan Wai-ming of Wah Yeh; George Thumb (HK Tech); Au Shu-kwan (Pui Q).
Javelin—Lau Kam-yiu (Pui Q), 42 metres, breaking old record of 42 metres held by Marcus Souza of La Salle; Chu Ming (Heung To); Lau Kam-yiu (Pui Q).
Shot Put—Lau Kam-yiu (Pui Q), 10.15 metres, breaking old record of 10.15 metres held by Lau Kam-yiu (Pui Q); Lau Kam-yiu (Pui Q).
1,500 Metres—Lee Shu-hung (La Salle), 4 mins 5.2 secs, bettering his own record of 4 mins 4.5 secs; Leung Kam-bor (St. Joseph); Chan Wai-ming (HK Tech).

Boys' Junior

High Jump—Yung Shu-chung (Pui Q), 1.25 metres, breaking old record of 1.25 metres held by Chan Wai-ming of Wah Yeh; Chu Ming (Heung To); George Thumb (HK Tech).

Boys' Midst

High Jump—Mak Ping-phi (Heung King), 1.20 metres, breaking old record of 1.20 metres held by Chan Wai-ming of Wah Yeh; Chu Ming (Heung To); George Thumb (HK Tech).

Girls' Senior

Long Jump—Chow Wing-ping (Pui Q), 4.25 metres, breaking old record of 4.25 metres held by Chan Wai-ming of Wah Yeh; Chu Ming (Heung To); George Thumb (HK Tech).

Girls' Junior

Long Jump—Chow Wing-ping (Pui Q), 4.25 metres, breaking old record of 4.25 metres held by Chan Wai-ming of Wah Yeh; Chu Ming (Heung To); George Thumb (HK Tech).

Boys' Junior

Discus—Chow Wing-ping (Pui Q), 34.12 metres, breaking old record of 34.12 metres held by Chan Wai-ming of Wah Yeh; Chu Ming (Heung To); George Thumb (HK Tech).

The meeting will continue on Thursday and Sunday.

Yugoslavia Seeks Change In Amateur Rules

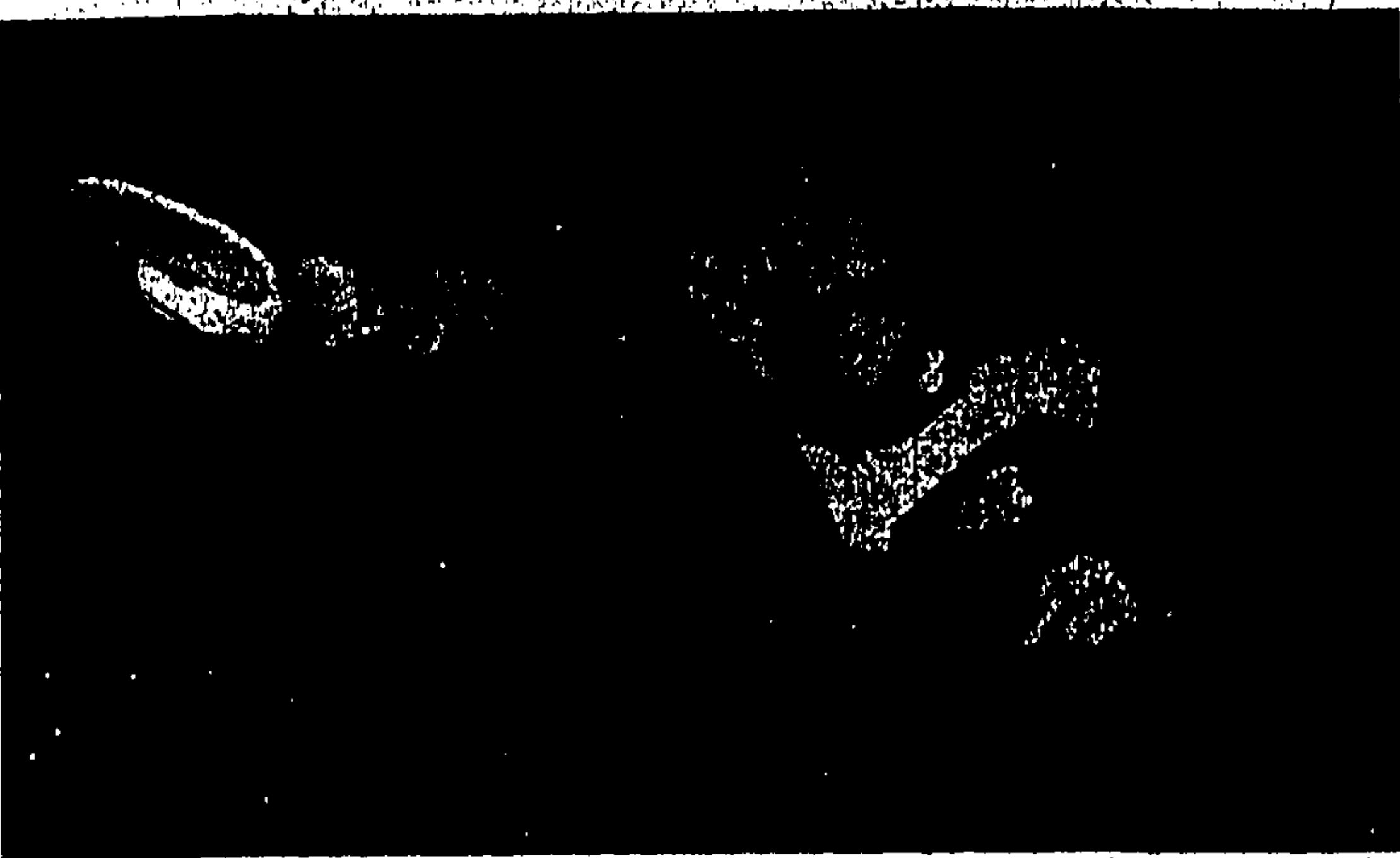
Belgrade, Apr. 18. Yugoslavia will make a strong effort to get both the International Olympic Committee and the International Football Federation to change their amateur rules this year so the poorer countries can provide some compensation for their athletes without making them professionals.

Final definition of Yugoslavia's own amateur rules is awaiting these two international decisions, it was learned at the Yugoslavian Football Federation.

Although the Federation's recent congress adopted a new set of rules permitting rigidly limited payments to "first league" players as "living allowance" details of the new system will be finally decided until the two international bodies have met.

The Belgrade newspaper Sport published the draft definition which Yugoslavia's representative will present to the International Olympic Committee session in Athens, next month. United Press.

FIFTH TIME IN A ROW



Mrs Angelica Rozeanu of Rumania in play during the World Table Tennis Championships at Wembley. She retained her World Singles Championship for the fourth successive time.—Central Press Photo.

"I'm Selling Many Horses" Says The Aga Khan

By SYDNEY SMITH

The 76-year-old Aga Khan, who has won five Derbys and nearly a million pounds in British stake money, is to cut down his breeding and racing interests "severely."

He announced from his Cannes villa that he will put up "a very large number" of his horses for sale in England and America.

They will include all his Irish yearling colts and a large number of his brood mares. He said on the phone from his villa: "They will be among my very best brood mares."

He went on: "Nobody at the moment could work out the value of what I shall sell. Of course, I shall still race but on a much smaller scale." "NEW RESPONSIBILITIES" The reason? He said: "I am taking other and new responsibilities on my hands. 'No! I am not going to tell

BUDGET KILLS BIG FIGHT HOPES, SAYS SOLOMONS

The cut of only a half-penny in entertainments tax has killed hopes of Don Cockell, British Heavyweight Boxing Champion, meeting Rocky Marciano, world title holder, in England.

Promoter Jack Solomons had earlier announced that if entertainment tax was reduced there was a strong possibility of the match being staged in London.

But after the budget Mr Solomons said: "I shall have to consider carefully what I shall do after my June promotions. I think I shall spend most of my time promoting abroad." Ex-Champion Freddie Mills, now a promoter, said: "I am afraid there will now be more small promoters dropping out of professional boxing. And the small tournaments are 'nurseries' for the big ones."

"My experience has shown that unless I get the Empress Hall, Earls Court, packed full I do not show a profit because entertainment tax takes a third of the receipts." And this is how the bosses and officials of other sports reacted to the halfpenny cut. FOOTBALL: Football League Secretary said: "It is negligible. We must be thankful for small mercies—but this is an infinitely small mercy."

"The average gate for a small club is 8,000—once a fortnight."

Peters Favoured To Win Boston Marathon

Boston, Apr. 18. Jim Peters of Britain seems to be the most favoured entry in the 58th Boston Marathon due to be held today.

The second favourite seems to be the Japanese, Katsuo Nishida, who was fourth last year. His teammates are Kurao Hiroshima, eighth in 1953, and Nobuyoshi Sadanaga, competing for the first time.

The Japanese team have been over the course several times during the past two weeks and are concentrating their last minute training on a special diet of beef and fruit.

Of the first ten best in 1953, seven are back this year, including Nishida, Hiroshima, Veliko Karvonen of Finland, and Norman Papanicolaou, the Hawaiian Champion.

Peters said tonight that while he respected the Japanese entries, he expected most competition from the Finns, Veliko Karvonen and Frank Plocher. United Press.

CHWEE KOK SWIMS 100M IN 56.9

Singapore, Apr. 18.

Swimming Champion Neo Chwee Kok, returned a time of 56.9 secs. for the 100 Metres Free Style in a championship meet here on Saturday lowering the 1952 Olympic time by two-tenths of a second.

Swimming in the annual aquatic contest between the Penang and Singapore Chinese Swimming Clubs, Chwee Kok set a hot pace from the plunge and forged ahead of his three rivals at the turn to win by about 10 metres from his club-mate Ong Choon Lim.

This was the fastest time recorded by Chwee Kok to date, having bettered his own Singapore record of 57.1 secs.

The Singapore Chinese Swimming Club's A team churned through the 500 metres relay in 8 mins 28.6 secs to lower the Singapore Amateur Swimming Association record of 8 mins 54.5 secs.—United Press.

A WARNING TO ALL THE WORLD CUP TEAMS: BEWARE OF TOM FINNEY!

A warning to all World Cup teams: "Beware the rather casual-looking player on England's right wing."

Slightly built, quiet of manner, his bearing certainly doesn't command attention. He doesn't even roll up his sleeves: they are carefully buttoned at the wrist. In fact, he looks as though he's been thrust into football kit and is still wondering what it's all about.

But wait until he gets the ball. Then it's his opponent's turn to wonder.

For his name is Finney—Tom Finney, the world's most complete footballer.

"One man doesn't make a team and football is a team game," say the purists. Maybe they're right—in most cases.

But genius doesn't recognise ordinary rules. And Finney is a soccer genius.

MOST EDUCATED

He's got the most educated feet in the business—ask the Scots. Hampden Park saw the Finney magic at its most potent.

Scotland 2, England 4, is the result the record books show. But for the 134,000 spectators

the winner was Finney. It was Tom who made three goals and caused the rock-line Scottish defence to totter and finally crumble before his elusive body-sweeper.

But ask the Scots—or indeed anyone who has played against Finney—how he does it and they'd be stumped.

With other football jugglers, it's possible to spot how they perform their tricks. Stanley Matthews, for example, feints to go one way, spurts off in another direction to leave the defender floundering.

But with Finney there's no suggestion of impending wizardry. He's like the magician who doesn't wear a cloak and performs his tricks without using a wand.

He receives the ball and, with a gliding run, sets off down the wing.

The full-back sees which way he's coming and goes after his man.

He prepares for the tackle; checks; sees Finney change direction, then plunges in.

His foot meets empty air. The ball it should have gathered is a yard away. The man he should have checked is way past him.

"But how did he miss him?" spectators ask. For all they could see, Finney just kept on in one direction.

But that wasn't the full-back's view. He saw Finney approach, check, then turn.

He couldn't realise that, like all magicians, Finney shows his victims just what he wants them to see. Instead of using sleight of hand, he employs serve of body.

And what makes Finney so dangerous is that he knows how to make use of his talents. No mere crowd pleaser, every trick is another hole punched in the defence.

NOT APPRECIATED

Genius, however, is often not appreciated. So too, with Finney. "Too, too, too. Not enough drive," has often been the cry. Indeed, the beginning of this season saw Finney dropped from the England side.

A certain Italian realised Finney's worth, however. He is Prince Robert Lanza de Tabis, millionaire president of Palermo FC.

Eighteen months ago, after England had played a 1-1 draw with Italy, the prince made Finney an offer that would have staggered a Hollywood star. It consisted of a £10,000 signing-

fee; £130 a month wages; match bonuses varying from £30 to £100; a villa on the Mediterranean; a new car, and free travel to Italy for his family.

In addition, the prince was prepared to pay Preston a £30,000 fee, and they only wanted him for two seasons.

But Preston valued his services too. They wouldn't part, even for £10,000 a year.

Strangely, Finney didn't intend being a right winger at all. As a boy in Preston he had one ambition—to be another Alex James.

James, also Preston born, was young Tom's idol. Hour after hour his legs were copied, practising the dribbling and precision passing of the great "wee" Scot. He even copied the James' football attire—long, baggy, shorts; sleeves buttoned at the wrist.

It was as a budding inside left that 15-year-old Tom joined the Preston ground staff. An injury to the outside right in the under-18 side saw Tom put in as last-minute substitute. Afterwards the Club Chairman told him to forget about being an inside-left. "Your place is on the right wing," he said.

Yet, possibly his greatest England display, one that even outshone the Hampden performance, was at inside-left.

It was three seasons ago. Scotland were again the victims. Only this time the game was at Wembley.

With Matthews in the side, Tom played on the left wing. Shortly after the start his inside partner, Wilf Mannion, fractured his cheek bone, and was taken to hospital.

COULDN'T SUBDUCE HIM So Finney became England's complete left wing. And what a wing! Even with a spare man Scotland couldn't subdue him.

Then, mid-way through the second half, he staged a one-man raid on the Scottish goal.

Gathering the ball in his own half he set out on his mission. Swerving, feinting, weaving, straight through Scotland's defence as though it didn't exist. Finally the coolest of jobs over the advancing goalkeeper's head—the finest goal in Wembley's glorious history.

Small wonder England's fans cry "While there's Finney, there's hope."

—(Lancaster Express Service)

There will be a HKHA Council Meeting tomorrow at 5.30 p.m. in the offices of Messrs Sheehan Tomes & Co.

President's Team Loses At Craigengower

Spectators witnessed a very close contest at Craigengower, bowling green yesterday when a Vice President's team just managed to beat an equally keen President selection side.

Six rinks were played and although the subordinate team won four of the rinks they had to fight for every point. The Vice President team won by 123 to 106.

The results were: Kelleher, J.P. Samy, Tay and Botelho (President) lost to Biliacina, K.A. Baker, Dru and Kearnan (Vice President) 16-17; C.K. Sung, Fox, J.W. Leonard and E.L. Leonard lost to C.C. Ma, B. Hollands, W.J. Howard and H.J. Coelho 16-20;

Sanku, Remedios, Baker and F.O. Mader beat Chao, Karamlis, Omar and Hong Choy 19-17;

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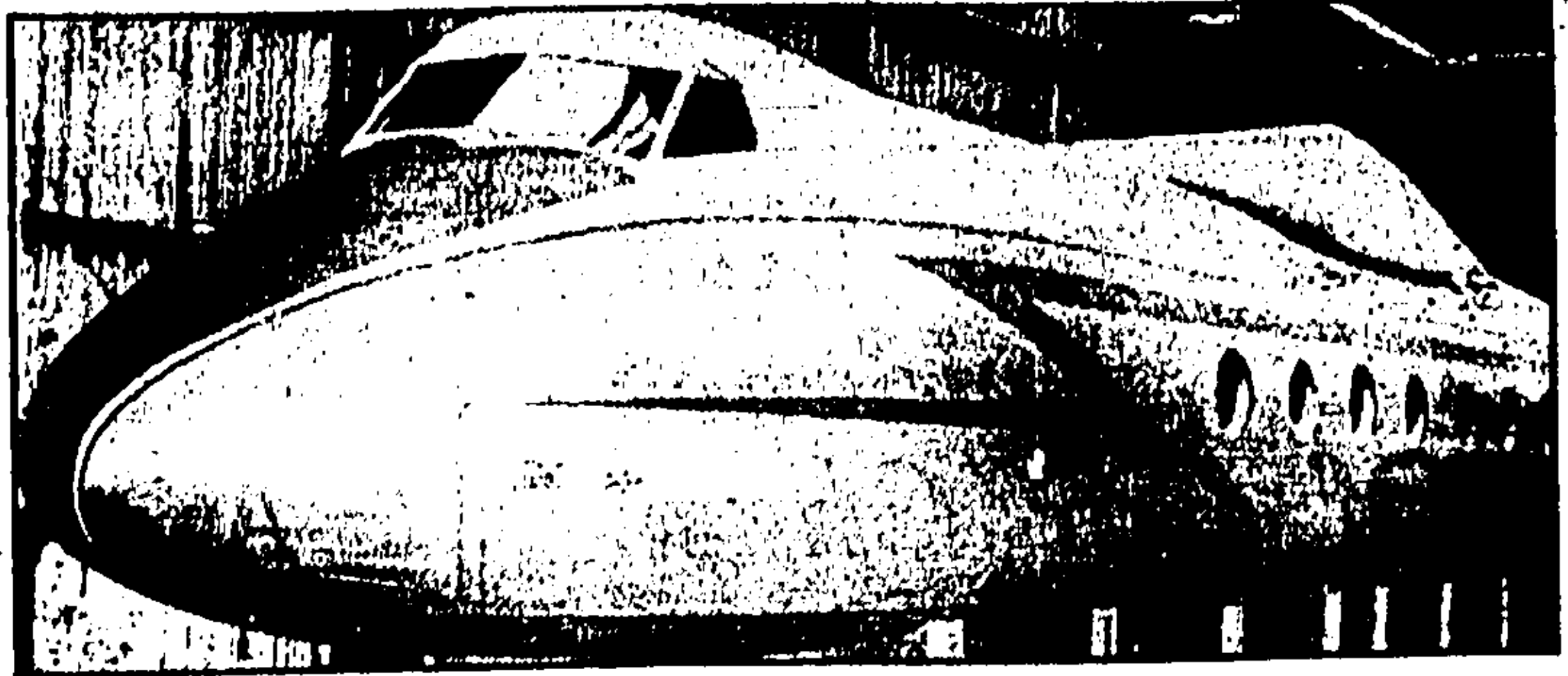
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"PERSEUS"	Marcellise, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th May	6th May
"LAOMEDON"	Liverpool & Glasgow	13th May	14th May
"ANCHISES"	Liverpool & Dublin	23rd May	24th May

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What The New Handley Page Airliner Will Look Like



This is a mock-up of the fuselage of the new Handley Page transport which the company has designed for airlines intending to replace the faithful Dakota airliners retiring after long years of service. The new airliner will have four Alvis "Leonides" piston engines of 510 hp each and will carry 30 passengers at 220 miles an hour. It will be used for air routes where the great heights and speeds of jets and turboprops would be uneconomical.

Latest Round-Up of Aviation News From Britain:

"Backroom Boys" Plan To Reduce Noise At Airports

This week's "Round-up" includes news of developments by the "backroom boys" of aviation in their work to reduce aero-engine noises at British airports. Not only are they working on mobile sound-mufflers which can be wheeled from one aircraft to another on the tarmac but they are also working on an allencer to be built in aircraft engines. Other items in this weekly "China Mail" feature are: the Comet, series two, flies for its Airworthiness tests; Britain is still developing new piston engines for its aircraft, and the labour force in the aircraft industry continues to grow. The "Round-up" comes to you weekly from the headquarters of the British aviation industry—the Society of British Aircraft Constructors, London.

In their efforts to reduce the noise caused by aircraft at airports, several British manufacturers are working on designs for mobile sound-mufflers which could be towed round an airport and attached to aircraft before their engines are run-up.

These designs are still on the drawing board, but it is hoped that before long the stage will be reached when it is possible to build one or more for tests.

Airport authorities are studying the proposals, and aircraft and aero-engine manufacturers are also showing interest, because of the necessity to reduce the noise caused by aircraft and engines under test at factories.

The plan is to build these mobile mufflers on small trucks, similar in basic design to the silencers already built for aero-engine test houses and wind tunnels.

One of the designs under development envisages a small muffler for each engine. Each muffler would be connected to the plane's jet pipe by a funnel-shaped adapter.

When the engine starts, the hot exhaust gases from it would pass through the adapter into the muffler, which would contain absorbent panels to reduce the noise level.

Tune Down Noise

Another type of muffler is designed so that on four-engined aircraft each muffler would be attached to a pair of engines—so that only two mobile mufflers would be needed for the one aircraft.

This design also takes into account the noise from the intake of jet engines—which is an altogether different sound from that coming from the exhaust.

The designer's aim is to tune down the noise by taking out the disturbing notes. They hope that by doing this it will be possible to reduce noise to a level where it is not offensive to anyone outside the boundary of the airfield.

Among the companies engaged in this work are Burgess Products and Cementation (Muffelites) Ltd., both companies with considerable experience of silencing equipment for jet engines.

Parallel with this work on mobile mufflers, British designers are also working hard to reduce aircraft noise at its source in the engine. Universities and Government research workers are co-operating.

Silencers so far developed for the engines themselves give hope that noise levels will be appreciably reduced in the future and some of the new jet engines under development are also inherently less noisy than earlier types.

Tests so far made on noise suppressors in the engines show that contrary to expectations these can be designed to reduce noise without affecting the power they produce or the fuel consumption.

Measuring Noise

Although it may be perfectly clear to a listener that one noise is louder than another, a noise is a difficult thing to assess, scientifically.

Noise is actually measured by meters that record sound pressure levels. A basic reference level of pressure is taken and pressure levels above this are quoted in decibels.

To compare different sounds, it is usual to make an analysis over the range of frequencies audible to the human ear, taking readings of pressure in decibels at each octave.

Actual loudness is measured in units called "phons," which relate noise intensity with the sensitivity of the human ear to different frequencies.

A sound quoted in phons is, therefore, a cross-section of noise intensity—but a more precise definition of the same sound in decibels would involve giving a whole series of decibel readings at different frequencies.

There are two main sources of noise in a jet, one is that at the intake—a high-pitched whine or whistle, varying with the speed at which the compressor is run, and its size—and the noise from the jet pipe.

This jet outlet noise—a low roaring resonance—is caused by the turbulent gases inside the jet pipe and in particular by the shock waves formed by the narrow stream of very fast-flowing gases as they come in contact with the surrounding air behind the aircraft.

The greatest noise intensity is usually found in a zone between 45 degrees and 60 degrees to the axis of the jet pipe. The intensity varies, of course, with the speed of the engine.

Generally speaking, the higher the revs at which the engine is running, the greater the volume of sound in the higher frequencies, as the engine speed is raised, high frequency noise increases at double the rate of low frequency sound.

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Overseas Airways routes to South America in the late summer or early autumn.

Two months ago a Comet II, flown by de Havilland chief test pilot John Cunningham, reached Khartoum from Hatfield in just under 6½ hours.

Three new British aero-engines will be test flown for the first time later this year. In what is sometimes called the jet age in aviation, it is interesting to note that all three will be propeller driven and one is a new piston-engine, a rare event since the development of the turbine.

The piston engine is the Alvis Leonides Major, a development of the existing Leonides engine with a take-off power at sea level of 870 b.h.p. The Leonides Major will be test flown in a Marathon which was formerly used for tests with a small turboprop. Later, production Leonides Major engines will be fitted to the Bristol 173 helicopter and the new Handley Page transport, the HPR3.

Both the other two engines are produced by the Napier company. One is the Eland, a new turbo-prop giving 3,000 c.h.p. at sea level. This will be test flown in a Vickers Varsity twin-engine transport.

The third engine to be test flown soon will be the important new version of the compound engine, the Napier Nomad, which is a combination of piston and turbine engines connected to drive a propeller.

The advantage of the composite power plant is said to lie in its low fuel consumption, which means extra range for long-distance civil and military aircraft.

Its basic principle is that the gases for driving the turbine are produced by a high speed, supercharged piston engine, and not by static combustion chambers as in the turbine engine. This new version of the Nomad gives 3,135 c.h.p. and weighs 3,580 lb. dry.

Two Nomads will be test flown in the soon positions of a four-engined Avro Shackleton. The remaining two engines will be the standard Rolls-Royce Griffon piston engines.

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Tight Money Policy Brings Down Japanese Prices

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

Prices of Japanese goods on the domestic markets have been displaying a downward tendency in recent weeks as a result of the Japanese Government's austerity programme and the tight money policy of the Bank of Japan.

On the Osaka textile market, prices have been dropping. Trade sources said the immediate causes of this downward trend were the possibility of cancellation of export contracts to Indonesia and the decline in domestic demand against the background of tightening of money and credit supply and the fairly liberal appropriation of foreign exchange in the import budget for April/September.

The Japanese steel industry is already in a slump due to the heavy fall in exports and the decline in domestic steel prices.

The lower price trend has also been spreading to non-ferrous metals, with electrolytic copper falling to 305,000 to 300,000 yen per metric ton from 350,000 yen in January.

Trade circles said dealers were releasing their stocks of electrolytic copper and scrap copper that they imported previously in anticipation of higher prices arising out of foreign exchange shortage. Leading smelters said they were considering

a cut in ex-refinery prices of zinc by 10,000 yen per ton. The downward tendency has been particularly marked in prices of commodities which rose sharply in the early months of the year owing to speculative activities.

MORE STRINGENT

Financial circles said the money market would become even more stringent when the full effects of the recent tightening of money and credit started to show through.

They said the raising of rates of cash deposits for import applications to as high as 25 per cent for some commodities would greatly restrict imports, while speculators would be obliged to dump their stocks owing to lack of money.

These circles said the number of bankruptcies and dishonoured bills was rapidly increasing, although firms affected have, so far, been confined to smaller companies.

Financial circles said they could not foresee how far the present deflationary policies could be carried out without causing serious cracks in Japan's national economy.

It would be a great achievement if Japan succeeds in lowering prices to international levels with only minor economic adjustments at home," they said.

—Reuter.

Big Jump In London Tin Price

London, Apr. 18.

The price of tin on the London market has risen by £100 a ton in six weeks, chiefly because of the excellent statistical position and the basic fact that production in 1954 will only slightly exceed consumption.

A. Strauss and Company, the London Metal Merchants, in their monthly review of the tin market maintain that the recent statistics published by the International Tin Study Group in The Hague while statistically accurate do not give the true position.

The review maintained that the Study Group's figure of a surplus of 10,000 tons for the year 1953 is about 10,000 tons too high, and that when American stockpile purchases are taken into consideration together with various other factors there was in fact no surplus at all.

During 1953 the American stockpile took 3,000 tons out of which 2,000 tons were sold, making a net acquisition of 4,000 tons.

The review said in 1954 the United States is known to be adding 20,000 tons to its stockpile from Indonesia. It is unlikely the American Government policy which means a substantial surplus in the year beginning March 1955.—United Press.

MEXICAN PESO DEVALUED

Washington, Apr. 18.

The International Monetary Fund announced today it agrees with the Government of Mexico that it should devalue the Mexican peso.

The new rate will be 12.50 pesos per US dollar, replacing the previous rate of 9.65 pesos to one US dollar.

The Fund also announced it has concluded a "stand-by" agreement under which Mexico may purchase up to \$50,000,000 from the Fund with Mexican pesos any time during the period of the next six months.

The devaluation move, it is explained, had to be adopted because of a "deficit in the balance of payments and an outflow of funds had put an increasing pressure on the reserves of the Bank of Mexico."—United Press.

China Seeks Wool Tops

Bradford, Apr. 18.

China is seeking substantial quantities of wool tops, said a leading Bradford dealer today.

Chinese buyers are also active in the wool market, and are faced with the same situation as the British wool growers, who are seeking to increase their production to meet the demand.

Slow Demand For Spot Cotton In US

New York, Apr. 18.

Dullness in the textile markets plus the slow demand for spot cotton and the much heavier rate of producer redemptions out of the loan stock were the factors which affected bullish sentiment in the New York Cotton Exchange last week.

A definite break in the 15-week drought which had gripped the South-West put a uniformly favourable aspect on the whole preliminary new crop picture.

At Thursday's close the list ruled 6 points higher on nearby May and unchanged to 30 points lower on new crop positions, or up 30 cents to down 1.50 a bale compared with the preceding week.

Both the New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges will reopen on Monday morning after the Easter holidays.

Washington trade reports said the Government may sell some of its raw cotton stock overseas for local currencies.

The October, 1955, delivery came on the board for the first time late in the week. It opened at 33 cents, then dropped to 32.55 cents, and finished the week at 32.55 cents, a bid, or about 1/4 cent a pound under the current October delivery.—United Press.

US Industrial Output Down

Washington, Apr. 18.

The industrial production in America showed down a little in the first quarter of this year, the Government reported today.

The gross national product, an annual basis, declined to \$385,000,000,000 in the first quarter of 1954, compared with \$385,000,000,000 in the fourth quarter of last year and \$385,000,000,000 in last year's first quarter.

The Federal Reserve Board said the industrial production declined in the first quarter of 1954, but it was not as low as in the fourth quarter of last year.

The Board said the industrial production in the first quarter of 1954 was 1.5 per cent below the level of the fourth quarter of last year, but it was 1.5 per cent above the level of the first quarter of 1953.

Russian Telephotos For China

Tientsin, Apr. 18.

The Communist Chinese telecommunications authorities have announced the inauguration of a radio-telephoto service, between Moscow and Peking, the Nationalist Taitao News Agency reported today.

The radio transmission service of pictures was said to extend to Shanghai, Hankow, Chungking, Mukden and Lanchow, the report added.

Taitao claimed the telephoto service would be used mainly to transmit Russian propaganda photos to Red China.—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$383,937.50. Noon quotations and the morning's dealings—

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Profit-taking On London 'Change; 2 Shipping Surprises

From Our Correspondent

London, Apr. 18.

The pre-Easter holiday mood had its effect on the markets this week with a certain amount of profit taking. But the Stock Exchange was not without its excitements.

On Thursday there were shipping share shocks. Both P & O and Cunard ran into stormy weather resulting in considerable reductions in the closing prices.

Both companies were expected to have lower profits as a result of falling freight rates during the past year. But P & O's earnings had encouraged optimism about dividends. The announcement of a dividend improvement of only two per cent to 22 per cent brought down P & O shares by as much as five shillings.

They closed on Thursday night at 81/3—a reduction of 3/8.

In the case of Cunard the Market expected a scrip bonus. But there was no bonus and the dividend was maintained at 10 per cent. Cunard shares fell as a result by 4 1/2. The final quotation was 39 1/2.

In the doldrums, too, were Calico printers following the controversial Monopoly Commission report on Wednesday on the process of Calico printers with its recommendation that minimum price arrangements should end. The Federation of Calico Printers has described the Commission's recommendation as "disastrous" to the trade and the Lancashire textile industry generally.

WHITBREAD'S BONUS—The Commission found "over 98 per cent of cloth printed on Commission in the United Kingdom by this process" is printed by members of the Federation of Calico Printers.

Calico printers' shares fell three shillings to 51/2. Also, a supplier news, came from Whitbread Brewery with their announcement of a £1,500,000 bonus issue on a one-for-two basis. The war-time Parachutist head of Whitbread, Colonel William Whitbread also revealed that the old and new shares will have a final dividend of 10-2/3 per cent. Shareholders will thus collect the equivalent of 31 1/2 per cent—a 6 1/2 per cent rise. The firm's profits bounded up £377,000 to £2,804,000. The shares rose by 5/8 to 107/8.

Glits remained firm with gains today of as much as five shillings.

INDEX LOWER—Although the index of industrial shares closed the short week slightly lower from last week's all-time peak of 145.0 to 144.3, the underlying strength was not questioned, says United Press.

The index of Government securities closed the week at 102.35, the highest it has been since the Conservatives came to power. It reflects the widespread conviction among investment institutions that cheap money is coming, via a lowering of the bank rate.

Among the Gilt-edged stocks "Dainties" (officially, the Treasury 2 1/2 per cent and old consols) soared in price. Both rose 23/8 to new highs for the year of £209 1/2. War 10/3 to a new high of £289 1/2.

"Blue chips" suffered somewhat but most of them closed unchanged or down a few pence. Rolls-Royce led 3/8, British-American Tobacco 1/8.

Shares of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation tumbled £4 to £29 1/2.

"Lady Attaches" Wanted For Stock Exchange

London, Apr. 18.

The male-bound walls of the Stock Exchange shuddered last week at the first, distant bugles of femininity.

For stockbrokers are looking for "Lady Attaches"—half-commission women who would bring orders to buy or sell stocks and shares, and who would earn half the commission charged on them.

What sort of woman would do well at this new City career? An advertisement says: "Well being, orders to buy or sell stocks and shares, and who would earn half the commission charged on them."

They will need charm and good looks, a dress sense, and a smart head. But they will not be required to put the strictest regulation bowler on the smart head. "No silly hats," said one stockbroker, "perched sensibly over the brow."

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Apr. 18.

Stocks rose again last week taking industrial share prices to the highest

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Far From Home

WHEN her mother died, Katherine, then in her middle-teens, took over the running of the home she shared with her father and brother, and with their help it was run as well as a home can be that has suffered such a loss.

When her brother went off to do his national service, Katherine and her father tended for themselves. Each went out to work each day in factories in the Scottish city where they lived, and together they coped with the household chores when they came home. It was not an ideal way of life, but they got by.

Then, last autumn, Katherine's brother came home. He had finished up his military service in the Far East, and seen action there, and filled out so to speak, mentally. He had returned as a soldiering a boy, he retained as a man with a proper pride in himself.

CHIVVYING
KATHERINE's brother was not entirely pleased with the home he came back to. It was a good deal less ship-shape than the surroundings he had grown accustomed to. Meals tended to be late and sometimes rather sketchy; beds to remain unmade in the morning, dust to be tucked unobtrusively under carpets instead of being properly disposed of.

The brother began to lay down the law, and to chivvy Katherine rather as a fastidious corporal might chase a recalcitrant recruit.

For a time, Katherine gave back as good as she got, but she grew sick of the nagging at last, and declared she was leaving home.

ALLAS
SHE arrived in London and began to look around for a job. One week went by and then another. By the time she had been there a month, she still had not found work. Instead she had become involved with that unpleasant West End set of young people who, not caring for work themselves, are delighted to teach others the art of living without working.

Thanks to these, Katherine, the other day, was arrested and at Bow Street charged with stealing a suitcase full of clothes from a casual acquaintance.

She pleaded guilty, but instead of giving her own name to the police, she gave the name of a friend who she thought suited her better.

It took Miss Hamilton, the Bow Street probation officer, her colleagues in Scotland, and the police, some time to discover that the name and address were fictitious, and during that time Katherine sat in Holloway Prison on remand, sticking firmly to her alias.

HOME AGAIN

THE truth came out at last, and Katherine was brought into the dock again, from which she winked with the greatest merriment at Miss Hamilton as from the witness-box she told Mr. Bertram Rivers the story of the great deception.

"I could put her on the 2.15 train for Scotland today," said Miss Hamilton.

"What do you say to that?" Mr. Bertram asked Katherine.

"I'd like to go home," said Katherine, as if butter would not melt in her mouth.

"What you want to do," the magistrate said to her, "is to go home and make friends with your brother. That's the best thing you can do."

"Aye," said Katherine.

She was put on probation, and later that day put on a train.

I wondered what her brother would make of her. For she, like him, had adventures behind her now. She had filled out mentally, too. She and not he will run the house in future, I should think.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Americans Win £25-million Contract

FROM H. KING WOOD

One of the biggest contracts ever let in Australia—for £25 million—was approved by Federal Cabinet last week. It was for engineering contracts connected with the Snowy Mountain hydro-electric scheme and goes to the American Kaiser group of construction companies.

Cabinet also approved of contracts worth more than £1 million with a British and a Swedish company for turbine and generating equipment.

The American contractors will bore a 14½-mile 21-foot diameter tunnel through the main mountain of the Great Dividing Range, linking a coastal and an inland river. Plan is that by 1959-60 the first part of the Snowy scheme will be in operation and producing more power than is now needed to supply all of Sydney.

One wouldn't think there was much future in beating a drum but the ability to do this got a passage to Australia for a Scottish family of eight.

Mrs. Norman Anderson, who arrived with her husband and six children this week, said they saw an advertisement for a drummer in a pipe band at Cairns.

"My husband got the job," she said. "He was drummer in the Seaforth Highlanders." Mr. Anderson will work at a sugar mill in Cairns.

Three big American film companies are bidding for the U.S. distributing rights of Charles Chaplin's full-length colour film of the outback—"Jedda". Chaplin finished shooting last week and the film should be released later in the year.

One American company has already deposited something more than £10,000 in an Australian bank to try to woo Chaplin—who will no doubt be enjoying the wooling, as the film cost more than £100,000 to produce.

MIGRATION
Seven years ago Australia began a migration programme which attracted world attention—an attempt to absorb people from abroad faster than any other nation had done before.

In those seven years we have brought more than 600,000 new people to this country, nearly all of them from Europe. We have virtually doubled our rate of growth.

Only a few weeks ago the Minister for Immigration, Mr. Holt, announced that one in every 12 Australians had been brought here since the war. It is expected that by June 30 our population will exceed 9 million and we should have 12 million by 1960. Population in all States has increased in the last year, and even the Northern Territory has had a rise of 1,000 and now stands at 18,940.

A remarkable thing about this programme is that it has had the full support of all political parties—probably one of the few times in our history when we have had political agreement.

THE DEBIT SIDE
All the gain hasn't been on the credit side, of course. While we cannot blame migrants wholly for our inflation troubles, there is no denying the fact that they helped. They needed so many of the things that we needed ourselves. Our housing shortage would have been bad in any case, but the increased demand, caused by the migrants, made it far worse. There seems to be some agreement among judges that with certain nationalities at least, the number of violent crimes are higher among migrants than Australians. On the other hand, a Government committee claims that on the whole, New Australians are more law-abiding than old Australians, so that subject seems debatable.

There are other points on the credit side as well as rise in population, however. Immigrants in key industries such as iron and steel have broken most of our production bottle-necks and thus have helped our economy. They have also brought with them a new way of living which is not yet quite appreciated but which in time to come must play a valuable part in our culture.

All in all, then, it can be said that this migration pro-

gramme is one of the things that we have done very well and which will go on paying off for many years to come.

PEDAL RADIO DEBATE
Cattlemen sitting many hundreds of miles apart in the Northern Territory took part in a general meeting of the Central Australian Pastoralists' Association last week.

They took part in debates sitting in front of their pedal radios.

The Flying Doctor base at Alice Springs was the hub of the pedal meeting and the network saved some pastoralists long journeys.

About 20 stations joined in the discussions.

The cattlemen heard a report by the Association president, Mr. Woody Pearce. Resolutions were made on subjects ranging from taxation to cattle trucking, the motor vehicle ordinance and aboriginal drivers, who must be able to read and write to qualify for licences. This provision rules out many competent drivers.

The meeting was so successful that the Association now plans to go on the air regularly.

CUTS WOOL BUYING
Japan, whose adverse trade balance in Australia is causing concern, has cut her wool buying by nearly one-third.

Once Australia's second-best customer, she has now dropped to fourth place. In the first seven months of the current trade year, Japan spent £24-million on all classes of wool compared with £35-million in the same period last year.

But the Director of the Australian Chamber of Manufacturers, Mr. Latham Withall, said Australian industry was strongly opposed to any significant increase in Japanese imports.

He said Australian industry believed that any such increase must prove detrimental to domestic industry and to trade between Australia and Britain and foreign good customer countries.

"Japan has been a big purchaser of wool from Australia, but wool is a basic raw material as well as a commodity that Japan has used very largely for barter purposes in building up her hard currency credits."

"Australian wool has been a great blessing to Japan in strengthening her financial position both in respect to the sterling and the dollar areas."

A new source of contraband cigarettes was discovered by customs officers when they searched the Australian motorship Malaita recently.

They found hidden under canvas lockers and coils of rope 11,000 American cigarettes—one of the biggest hauls on a ship in Sydney for a considerable time.

The Malaita came from the Solomon Islands and a Customs theory is that the cigarettes came from Hongkong, where American brands are plentiful.

Bomb Concealed In Basket

Rabat, Apr. 18. A quick-witted Police officer today discovered and dismantled a bomb left in a shopping basket near the Catholic Church where crowds were celebrating mass on Easter Sunday in the Agola quarter of Rabat.

The shopping basket was left by a man who fled later in a car driven by an accomplice. —France-Press.

View Not Shared
London, Apr. 18. Radio Moscow said today that Communist China will attend the Geneva conference "in the capacity of a great power possessed of equal rights."

It admitted that "in the United States and other western countries there are industrial circles which do not share this view." —United Press.

Elephant As Nursemaid



"Child's play" is what Dumbo, the Zoo Elephant, says as he pushes three-year-old Susan Lipton in her push-chair to see the other animals, when she visited the London Zoo. Susan comes from Boston, Massachusetts, USA.—London Express.

Dresses Slashed At NY Easter Parade

New York, Apr. 18.

A record-breaking Easter Parade was disrupted today when a man armed with a razor blade pushed through jammed Fifth Avenue, slashing women's new Spring dresses.

More than 1,500,000 persons were packed shoulder to shoulder on an eight-block stretch of the Avenue during the peak hours of the Parade, and at one point police had to form a human chain to keep the crowd from mobbing St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The authorities were just beginning to congratulate themselves for preventing the stunts of publicity seekers that have marred previous Parades. Then the police said 15 women had reported in tears that their new Easter dresses were ruined.

All said they had been attacked from the rear and most were not aware of the slashing until they started to go home.

A man was taken into custody but denied slashing any dresses. The police found a razor blade in his pocket but he claimed he carried it for shaving only.

"I didn't do it," he said. "I hate women. You can't trust them. They cheat and lie."

No one was injured in the slashings, which occurred just outside St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral during Easter Mass.

The police said all the women were young and attractive. One reported that her new US\$38 dress had been cut seven times. Another showed officers where a huge chunk of cloth had been slashed from her dress.

On the basis of descriptions given by the women, the police arrested a man who identified himself as Joaquin Gonzalez, 27, a dark-haired, shabbily-dressed man. He was charged with vagrancy.—United Press.

H.E. Inspects Scouts

At a ceremony at Government House this morning, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, GCMG, inspected the Hongkong Scout contingent to the first National Boy Scouts Jamboree in the Philippines and presented the contingent, Mr. W. J. Silvey, with a letter from the Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan.

The Hongkong contingent is 22 strong and is officially representing the United Kingdom and the whole of the Colonial Empire at the Jamboree on the authorisation of Lord Rowallan. The Chief Scout also sent a message to the Jamboree in the form of a letter which was handed to Mr. Silvey by His Excellency today.

Sir Alexander inspected the contingent in the forecourt of Government House. The Governor, who is Chief Scout in Hongkong, also presented Mr. Silvey, with his warrant as Assistant Colony Commissioner for Wolf Cubes.

The contingent will leave for Manila on Thursday.

The Sloss Case: PC's Evidence Of Car Chase

The events leading up to the arrest of Geoffrey Duncan Sloss, 30, of 375A The Peak, charged with manslaughter and four traffic offences were retold by a Police constable in the committal proceedings before Mr. Lawrence Leong at Central this morning.

Mr. J. W. D. Hobbly, Crown Counsel, appeared for the Prosecution, assisted by Sub-insp. P. T. Moor.

Mr. Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr. W. C. R. Carr, appeared for the defence. Mr. Yu entered pleas of not guilty to all five charges.

The charges against the defendant are that on February 25 he unlawfully killed Ng Chow; that while driving his car, HK3927, along Hennessy Road at 3.30 a.m. on the same day, he failed to stop after colliding with public vehicle No. 4382; driving dangerously at 3.30 a.m. outside the St. Francis Hotel; driving dangerously at 3.40 a.m. at Hennessy Road outside the China International Motors; and driving while under the influence of drink.

HEARD CRASH
PC 4213, Ma Tsun, said that on February 25 he was on duty with PC 1802 at 3.30 a.m. in Hennessy Road. They were walking on the south pavement of Hennessy Road.

"Suddenly at the junction of Tonnochy Road and Hennessy Road, I heard a crash, which sounded like a car collision and then the screeching of tyres. 'Immediately I ran out onto the road and I saw a car coming from the direction of North Point towards me at a fast speed.'"

The witness said he raised his left hand and shone his torch at the car and shouted for the driver of the car to stop. He was then about four feet from the curb.

"The car swerved a little when it approached me and then passed me."

A taxi then drove up at a fast speed after the car. The witness stopped the taxi and boarded it with PC1502. They then proceeded in pursuit of the car.

DREW REVOLVER
As they caught up with the car at the junction of Hennessy Road and Queen's Road East, the witness drew his revolver and shouted to the driver of the car to stop.

"The other car then slowed down and eventually we overtook it and cut in front of it to stop it at the police box at the junction."

The witness alighted from the taxi and with his drawn revolver he approached the driver of the car. When the driver of the car raised his hands the witness put his revolver away and opened the door of the car.

The accused, who the witness then identified in Court, stepped out of his car, and through an interpreter, the witness asked accused whether he had been involved in a traffic accident. Accused answered in the negative.

Witness then asked accused about the damage to the front

of his car and at this point the accused attempted to get back into his car but was stopped.

The witness then went to make a telephone call and when he came back he saw the accused talking to some soldiers at the Victoria Barracks. As he watched the accused he saw him light a cigarette.

"Suddenly the accused fell over but he got to his feet without assistance," declared the witness.

A patrol car came along and took away the accused. The accused's car, HK3927, was driven into Victoria Barracks and locked up.

Hearing is continuing.

Mail Notices

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By Surface

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

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Philippines, 9 a.m.
Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 1 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, U.S.A. & Macao, 2 p.m.
Inland, 5 p.m.

China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.
Macao, noon.
Thailand, noon.
Philippines, noon.
Malaya, 1 p.m.
Macao, 5 p.m.

DO-NOTHING POLICY

Had Sir George Bonham acted as he felt, and had history written, such a catastrophe would never have occurred. But that would not have been in accordance with his do-nothing policy at all times and especially in the near prospect of his departure. That he, latterly at all events, took a pretty correct view of the position of the foreign community at Shanghai towards the rabblement in possession of the city, is shown by a passage in his recent correspondence with the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce. The rebuke was very much called for, but because Sir George Bonham has never acted upon the truth it conveys remains a lasting libel on his administration of affairs in China, laid flatterers say what they may.

Prevented From Fighting Fire

Vienna, Apr. 18.

Thirty houses burned down just inside Communist Hungary last night because Hungarian border guards would not open the Iron Curtain for fire brigades from neighbouring Austrian villages, gendarmes said today.

Volunteers from the Austrian district of Jenegsdorf sped to the border with water and pumps when flames lit the sky. They said Hungarian guards held them off with guns while the 30 houses—one-third of Windischdorf Village—burned down before their eyes.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"When he eats alone he always calls me 'Toots' today. It's young lady!"

From the Files 100 Years Ago

The art of ingeniously tormenting, which the foreign community at Shanghai, mercantile, official, and even clerical, have during the last six months practiced beyond the verge of the endurance of any people but Chinese, would at length seem to be producing some of the fruits which ought to have been long ago looked for. The imperial forces have had a fracas with the foreign residents, and it having been followed up by a combined assault of the forces of the British and American men-of-war on the imperial encampments there have been loss of life and serious wounds on both sides; but the damage sustained by foreigners must have been comparatively slight, for it is not specified in either of the Notifications of Mr. Alcock, which, as usual with his productions, are enveloped in a cloud of words, that obscure the narrative, and leave an impression that it is not desired the whole truth should be known.

The documents extracted from the North-China Herald extra of the 6th April, will be found in another column, and our surmise regarding them is strengthened by an editorial remark of that journal that "these transactions will be probably viewed in various ways at a distance." But as the only narrative of the "transgression" given by the Herald is embodied in Mr. Alcock's Notifications and the Herald's own remarks, if these contain the simple and entire truth, it is not possible to view the "transactions" in any way but as atrocious and unprovoked outrages on the part of the imperialist soldiers, which received prompt and deserved retribution. Then why doubt the affair will be so viewed at a distance, unless there was a misgiving as to the accuracy of such portions of the facts as are told, or as to the actual origin of the affair? It strikes us as curious that it should have occurred just before the proposed recapitulation of the city, officially intimated by the Taoatae to the foreign Consulate—an event now indefinitely postponed by the destruction of the imperialist encampments.

TEMPTING PREMIUM

Sir George Bonham expressed himself five months after Mr. Connel Alcock had publicly notified that the city of Shanghai was taken by the Taotai, he would not recognize the right of that Taotai to exact duties from British merchants at the port. (Outside the city.)

He maintained the right of the British community to the protection of their persons and property principally to the presence of the National Ships-of-war of England, France, and America; but he thinks it right to remark that in his opinion the Imperialists have been hampered in their endeavours to retake the city by the near vicinity of so large a body of foreigners, and but for the position of this settlement, (Shanghai) the siege would in all probability have been already brought to a successful issue.

His Excellency regrets exceeding the present unfortunate state of the Import Trade at this port, but he hopes that the recapture of the city is not far distant and that on the expulsion of the Rebels, business will in some measure improve. His Excellency concurs in your opinion that the British Community owe the protection of their persons and property principally to the presence of the National Ships-of-war of England, France, and America; but he thinks it right to remark that in his opinion the Imperialists have been hampered in their endeavours to retake the city by the near vicinity of so large a body of foreigners, and but for the position of this settlement, (Shanghai) the siege would in all probability have been already brought to a successful issue.

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